

Outdoor water use

Possible 4 points

Intent

To reduce outdoor water consumption through efficient landscaping practices.

Requirements

Reduce the landscape area planted to turf grass by landscaping with plants that are native or adapted to the region. Points are awarded according to Table 1.

Table 1. Points for reducing turf grass and increasing native plantings, as percentage of total landscape area

Turf grass area		Native or adapted plant area	Points
< 60%	and	> 25%	1
< 40%	and	> 50%	2
< 20%	and	> 75%	3
< 5%	and	> 75%	4

Lists of native plants are maintained by the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, the North American Native Plant Society, state agencies, and local cooperative extension service offices and others.

Project with pools and other outdoor water features must use WE Credit Total Water Reduction.