

# Sustainable Gardening with Urbanite

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“Benefits of sustainable landscaping include

- healthy, low-maintenance landscapes
- lower water bills (for those on metered water)
- less water quality degradation
- increased energy conservation due to less pumping and water treatment
- extended life of water resources infrastructure (pumping, water treatment facilities, etc.)
- enhanced wildlife habitat and wildlife corridors
- reduced air pollution
- reduced home cooling and heating costs through strategic plant placement”<sup>5</sup>

“The concept of sustainable gardening has evolved as a result of current environmental concerns about the broader effects of our gardening practices on:

- water availability
- off-site water quality
- energy use
- landfill space
- fire-safe landscaping
- soil degradation
- spread of invasive plant species
- protection and enhancement of wildlife habitat

All of these issues are critically important today, and harmful impacts of our gardening practices on any of these concerns can potentially affect the quality of our lives, our health, or the health of the ecosystem upon which we depend.”<sup>6</sup>

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