

CERTIFIED WATER MANAGERS

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ABOUT THE WATER MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

The price of water is rising all over California, due to our state's rapidly increasing population putting more demands on our existing water supplies. Local water districts and the California Legislature are cracking down, issuing new laws and regulations intended to maximize the water we have available. And consumers are facing tiered pricing and fines for water waste more than ever before.

The California Landscape Contractors Association's Water Management Certification Program assists landscape contractors and other green industry professionals in helping their customers to cut water use and save money. CLCA-certified water managers must pass a written test to become provisionally certified, and demonstrate proficiency at required levels for one year on actual landscape sites prior to achieving full certification status.

Many Californians overwater their landscapes by more than 50 percent. Effective water management is not only good for the pocketbook; it enhances landscapes for greater enjoyment and contributes to higher property values.

BENEFITS OF WATER MANAGEMENT

- ◆ Improved landscapes: over-watering leads to weeds, pests, and plant disease
- ◆ Preserves hardscaping: fences, concrete, asphalt, etc. erode faster when subjected to over-spray and runoff
- ◆ Saves money: Water districts have begun charging higher prices when consumers exceed predetermined usage levels — in some areas, as much as \$14 per 100 cubic feet.

HIRING A LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR

In California, anyone who installs a landscape or irrigation system costing \$500 or more for labor and materials must have a landscape contractor's (C-27) license. Licensed contractors meet state standards for knowledge, experience, and financial responsibility. To protect yourself from substandard construction and financial harm, always verify a contractor's license with the Contractors State License Board.

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