

# The Watershed Approach to Landscaping Program



A series of classes based on the Watershed Approach to Landscaping philosophy with the purpose of engaging the public in current thinking on conservation practices and assisting home gardeners in the step-by-step process of creating their own beautiful, environmentally sensitive, waterwise landscapes. The Watershed Approach to Landscaping booklet, published by the Marin Municipal Water District, is provided to students at no additional cost. This series includes the six workshops listed below.

*Each workshop is \$87, or take all six classes for \$372 (and save \$150)!*

# Register for any one of our six classes designed to help you plan and learn the benefits of waterwise landscapes.

Fall 2026 Registration begins  
July 28, 9am at [Marin.edu/CommunityEd](https://marin.edu/CommunityEd)

## Design Inspiration: Gardening with a Sense of Place

Learn about the environmental qualities that make Marin such a special place—the watersheds in which we live and garden, our varied microclimates, our native plant communities and the wildlife they support. We will look at plant specimens and plant types, focusing on the special attributes that allow them to survive in our Mediterranean climate. With this knowledge, you will be able to create a garden that truly reflects a sense of place within your own watershed.

**Torgovitsky | IVC | 1 Saturday 10:10am-12:30pm | Aug 29 \$87**

## Designing Your Home Landscape: Part 1

Whether you envision your garden to be for entertaining, quiet relaxation or family fun, sustainable landscape design is a collaboration between the needs of the designer and the needs of the earth. Learn the basics of successful landscape design and how to create a site plan and planting plan for your home garden that both reflects your vision and supports our environment.

**Draheim | KTD | 1 Saturday 10:10am-12:30pm | Sep 12 \$87**

## Designing Your Home Landscape: Part 2

Take your garden design skills to the next level of competency! Identify and plan for the environmental factors in your garden that can affect the success of your design. Explore climate zones, hydrozones, microclimates and shade/sun patterns. Learn the basics of mapping your yard as a sustainable mini-watershed system, designed for rainwater capture and dispersal.

**Draheim | KTD | 1 Saturday 10:10am-12:30pm | Sep 19 \$87**

## Plan Your Garden for Irrigation Efficiency

A plant's type, location in the landscape, and the local climate all play a major role in determining its irrigation needs. Learn to determine how much water your plants need and when they need it. Learn the basic components of an irrigation system, which types are best for your garden, and how to set an appropriate irrigation schedule.

**Draheim and Mountanos | KTD | 1 Saturday 10:10am-12:30pm | Sep 26 \$87**

## Building Healthy Soil in Your Garden

Healthy soil is a living ecosystem that supports all other life on earth. Learn about the basic soil types common in Marin and how they can be improved with easy methods mimicking natural processes. You'll also learn about different styles of home composting, the simple science behind decomposition and how to best maintain a healthy, vigorous garden using only organic, sustainable practices.

**Torgovitsky | IVC | 1 Saturday 10:10am-12:30pm | October 3 \$87**

## Planning for Marin Gardens

Choosing the right plant for the right place is key to a successful garden. In this class you will learn about pollinator and butterfly gardens, gardening with deer and wildlife, fire-resistant plants, plant communities appropriate for different garden types and tips on maintaining these gardens. You will learn what resources we have in our area to purchase native and Mediterranean landscape plants and a bit on how to propagate them yourself to begin a home watershed garden.

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