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## Ways to Reduce your Ecological Footprint in the Landscape: NATIVE and DROUGHT TOLERANT PLANTS



*Cistus x skanbergii*



*Mahonia aquifolium* 'Compactum'



*Vaccinium ovatum*



*Polystichum munitum*



*Erythronium oregonum*



*Myrica californica*

If you currently have ornamental plants that seem to demand regular and/or frequent watering, consider the following options:

- Plant drought tolerant plants in place of ornamental plants that demand regular water throughout our dry summers. Drought tolerant plants need watering the first year or two to get their roots established but after that they can be weaned off- the savings will accumulate.

- Go native! Plants native to our region are adapted to our hot dry summers- some native plants even resent summer watering, like our native white oaks!

- Planting drought tolerant shade trees in areas where they will shade roofs and streets from the hot sun reduces reflected heat and makes these spaces more comfortable.

- If you don't know which plants take more water and which ones take less, you can speak with your local nursery, on-line sources or consult with one of the designers at DeSantis Landscapes.

