



### NEWS RELEASE

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### 1<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION CONTEST

The City of Santa Maria Utilities Department is pleased to announce its first annual Landscape Beautification Contest, occurring Monday, September 22, 2014 through Friday, October 31, 2014. This contest will recognize and promote attractive and water-efficient landscapes within our community.

The City encourages eligible residents (single family homes served by the City of Santa Maria Utilities Department) to apply for the contest online or in-person at the Utilities Department (2065 East Main Street). Winners will receive a recognition award and have their landscape featured on the City's website, local television channels, and in newspapers. The contest flyer and application can be viewed and printed out on the City's website: [www.cityofsantamaria.org](http://www.cityofsantamaria.org)

This new contest is meant to recognize the most attractive and water-efficient landscape in the City. Beautiful and easy to maintain, water-wise gardens can greatly reduce landscape water use and save homeowners money. There are many easy ways to make a garden more water-efficient, such as choosing water-wise plants and installing a smart irrigation controller.

For more information or questions about the contest, visit the City's website at [www.cityofsantamaria.org](http://www.cityofsantamaria.org) or call the Utilities Department at 925-0951 extension 7235.

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