



2015 WATER EFFICIENCY LANDSCAPING ORDINANCE Plan Requirements

Town of Atherton
Building Department
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Atherton Municipal Code Chapter 15.48

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All new construction and rehabilitated landscapes with irrigated landscape areas greater than 2,500 square feet, requiring a building or landscape permit, plan check, or requiring new or expanded water service (Generally: new homes, projects that require a grading permit, including the replacement of turf or replacements that exceed 2,500 S.F.)

Submittal Requirements:

- Landscape Plan**, including planting plan must include the following:
 - Delineate and label each hydrozone
 - Identify each hydrozone as low, moderate, high water, or mixed water use
 - Identify the type of mulch and application depth
 - Identify hardscape areas
 - The landscape & Irrigation Design Plan must include the following statement on the plans:
“I have complied with the criteria of the Water Conservation in Landscaping Ordinance and applied them for the efficient use of water in the Landscape and Irrigation Design Plan.” *
- Irrigation System Design Plan*** must include the following:
 - Location and size of the water meter(s)
 - Location, type, and size of all components of the irrigation system, including weather based controllers, main and lateral lines, valves, sprinkler heads, moisture sensing devices, rain switches, quick couplers, pressure regulators, and backflow prevention devices
 - Static water pressure at the point of connection to the public water supply
 - Flow rate (gallons per minute), application rate (inches per hour), and design operating pressure (pressure per square inch) for each station
 - Irrigation Schedule
- Grading** – If the landscape project includes grading of 50 cubic yards or more, or disturbs more than 2,500 S.F. of earth, or meets any of the criteria on the Grading and Drainage Checklist then a detailed grading plan/civil drawings and permit submittal is required. A checklist is available at www.ci.atherton.ca.us
- Outdoor Water Use Efficiency Checklist** – either the project applicant or certified/authorized professional must complete the submittal checklist.
- Water Budget Calculations** – If more than 25% of the Landscape area is turf, then water budget calculations are required.
- For Final** – A **post-installation Landscape Audit Report, prepared by a certified/authorized professional, must be submitted to the Building Department prior to a request for Building Final of the project.**