



Santa Clara Valley Green Gardener Training Program

Announcing a New Local Training Opportunity!

- *Everyone is going "Green." Meet the demand for Green Gardening practices and expand your business prospects!*
- This **ten-week series** of classes will provide you with the key principles of Ecological Landscaping or Green Gardening, which includes practices that conserve water, protect the soil and reduce the use of pesticides.
- Green Gardening creates a healthier garden for your client, a healthier work environment for you and your employees, and a better environment for our shared land and water resources.
- Those who successfully complete the classroom and hands-on training program will be identified as Santa Clara Valley Green Gardeners and will receive free advertising and promotional referrals to clients seeking "Green" landscaping services.

Starting Dates: September 23 and 24, 2008

Tuesdays (Spanish) 4:00 PM–6:00 PM

Wednesdays (English) 4:00 PM–6:00 PM

Each weekly, two-hour class will be held by the Community Interest Program of the Metropolitan Adult Education District located at the Erickson Adult Education Center, 4849 Pearl Avenue San Jose, CA 95136

- Class registration fee is \$120 (*Scholarships available upon request*)
- Class written materials will be available in Spanish or English.

For more information or to sign up for the class, contact the MAEP Administrative Center: (408) 723-6450

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What is the Santa Clara Valley Green Gardener Training Program?

This is a new training program for landscape maintenance workers, landscape contractors, and professional gardeners the Santa Clara Valley area, based on the successful programs established in Santa Barbara and Monterey counties. The *Santa Clara Valley Green Gardener Training Program* is designed to offer education, training, and promotion of services for participating individuals in order to:

- *Reduce urban storm water pollution resulting from landscape maintenance activities*
- *Use resources wisely*
- *Improve the health, appearance, and value of landscapes for customers and site managers*
- *Promote economic incentives to program participants for both gardeners and their clients*

Classes will cover these topics:

- *Soils*
- *Integrated Pest Management (IPM)*
- *Fertilizers*
- *Irrigation (scheduling, maintenance, and troubleshooting)*
- *Right Plant, Right Place*
- *Pruning*
- *Mulches and Compost*
- *Air Quality Issues*

Professional gardeners who attend 80% of the classes and successfully complete a final test will receive a *Santa Clara Valley Green Gardener* card and certificate of completion. The *Green Gardener Card* is for an individual, not a company. However the listing of trained *Green Gardeners* in public outreach materials and web pages sponsored by the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program will include the student's company name and contact information.

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for more information and to register.