

COUNTY OF MONTEREY

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



1441 Schilling Place, South 2nd Floor
Salinas, California 93901-4527

Water & Energy Efficient Landscape Ordinance (WEELO)

REQUIREMENTS FORM

INSTRUCTIONS: Designer to complete **PART A**. If **Project Category A or C** is marked in **PART A**, then complete **PART B**.

PART A: PROJECT INFORMATION

PROJECT TYPE (Check all that apply) Residential Commercial Rehabilitated

TOTAL LANDSCAPE AREA _____ Square Feet

PROJECT CATEGORY (Check one)

- A.** This is a new development or rehabilitated landscape project with an aggregate landscape area equal to or less than 2,500 square feet per individual property. See option A or C in Compliance Approach section.
- B.** This project includes a new or rehabilitated landscape with an aggregate landscape area greater than 2,500 square feet. See option C in Compliance Approach section.
- C.** This project includes new or rehabilitated landscape with an aggregate landscape area equal to or less than 2,500 square feet per individual property, and will be irrigated entirely with treated or untreated graywater or rainwater captured onsite. See option B in Compliance Approach section.
- D.** This project is exempt from the WEELO because the project is one of the following:
- ___ Existing landscape installed prior to December 7, 2021 if no changes that would trigger application of the WEELO.
 - ___ Registered local, state, or federal historic site.
 - ___ Ecological restoration project that does not require a permanent irrigation system.
 - ___ Mined-land reclamation that does not require a permanent irrigation system.
 - ___ Existing plant collection, as part of botanical gardens and/or arboretums open to the public.
 - ___ Agricultural cultivation activity.
 - ___ Construction of structure that does not include changes to existing landscape.
 - ___ Change in use of existing structure that does not include changes to existing landscape.
 - ___ Constructed wetlands or other landscaped area not irrigated and used solely for onsite wastewater treatment.
 - ___ Stormwater quality project that is not irrigated and is used solely for the purpose of improving runoff quality and/or retaining runoff for onsite infiltration.
 - ___ Natural areas including, though not limited to: open space, native vegetative areas, and pervious or impervious hardscapes that do not require a permanent irrigation system.
 - ___ Erosion control activity that does not require permanent irrigation.

"I attest that this project is exempt from the County of Monterey WEEL Ordinance for the reason(s) stated above."

SIGNATURE

NAME

PHONE

DATE

TITLE

ADDRESS

STATE

ZIP

EMAIL

ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER

PART A: PROJECT INFORMATION - Continued on Page 2 with COMPLIANCE APPROACH section.

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COMPLIANCE APPROACH (Select one option that will be used)

- A.** Minor Landscape Package will be submitted (Complete PART B) [MCC Sec. 16.63.050]
 – May be used only for projects that meet the requirements of **Project Category A in PART A**
- B.** Abbreviated Minor Landscape Package will be submitted (Complete PART B, Sec. 1, 2, 5, 6)
 – May be used only for projects that meet the requirements of **Project Category C in PART A**
 – Subject to approval by the County Bureau of Environmental Health (EHB) [MCC Sec. 16.63.030.B.1]
- C.** Major Landscape Package will be submitted in accordance with the requirements of MCC Sec.16.63.060
 – May be used for any project
 – Shall be used for all projects not meeting the criteria of Project Category A, C, or D

"I agree to comply with the requirements of the WEEL Ordinance and submit a Major Landscape Package."

SIGNATURE

NAME

PHONE

DATE

TITLE

ADDRESS

ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER

PART B: MINOR LANDSCAPE COMPLIANCE

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete PART B only if Category A or C in PART A apply to the project

SECTION 1 – PROJECT INFORMATION

PROJECT APPLICANT AND/OR AGENT			DATE
PROJECT ADDRESS			ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER
CITY	STATE	ZIP	PHONE
EMAIL			

PROJECT TYPE (Check all that apply)

- Residential
 Commercial
 Rehabilitated

WATER SUPPLY TYPE

- Potable
 Recycled - Municipal
 Well
 Graywater/Rainwater Onsite

PROPERTY OWNER			TOTAL LANDSCAPE AREA (SQ FT)
ADDRESS			
CITY	STATE	ZIP	PHONE
EMAIL			

DESIGNER CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

I agree to comply with the requirements of the Minor Landscape Package of the WEEL Ordinance, and the requirements as applicable, indicated in Sections 2 – 6 on Page 3 for Compliance Approach A or B of PART A.

SIGNATURE

NAME

TITLE

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SECTION 2 – SITE PREPARATION (Initials required for Compliance Approach A, B, or C.) [MCC Sec. 16.63.050.C and Sec. 16.63.100.E]

_____ Compost is incorporated at a rate of at least four cubic yards per 1,000 square feet to a depth of six inches into landscape area, or as specified in agronomic soils test recommendations.

_____ Provide a minimum three-inch (3”) layer of mulch on all exposed soil surfaces of planting areas except in turf areas, creeping or rooting groundcovers, or direct seeding applications where mulch is contraindicated.

_____ Require from suppliers and contractors that organic mulch materials made from recycled or post-consumer materials shall take precedence over inorganic materials or virgin forest products unless the recycled or post-consumer products are not locally available. Organic mulches are not required where prohibited by local fuel modification plan guidelines or when contra-indicated by a biological report or restoration plan.

SECTION 3 – PLANTS (Check applicable note. Required for Compliance Approach A [MCC Sec. 16.63.050.C])

For residential areas, install climate adapted plants that require occasional, little or no summer water (average WUCOLS plant factor 0.3) for 75% of the plant area excluding Special Landscape Areas [MCC Sec. 16.63.020.GGG]

For non-residential areas, install climate adapted plants that require occasional, little or no summer water (average WUCOLS plant factor 0.3) for 100% of the plant area excluding Special Landscape Areas [MCC Sec. 16.63.020.GGG]

SECTION 4 – TURF SPECIFICATIONS (Complete and check applicable notes. Required for Compliance Approach A and C)

Residential Site – Turf area is _____ square feet (not to exceed 1,500), or _____% of overall landscape area (not to exceed 20% of the overall landscape area).

Non-residential Site (Compliance Approach A) - Turf area is not proposed

Non-residential Site (Compliance Approach C)

Turf is not to be installed on sloped areas which exceed a slope of 1 foot vertical elevation change for every 10 feet of horizontal length, or 10 percent slope.

Turf is not proposed in parkways less than 8 feet wide.

Turf is not proposed in street medians, traffic islands, planter strips, or bulb-outs, of any size.

SECTION 5 – IRRIGATION SPECIFICATIONS (Initials required for Compliance Approach A, B, or C.)

- _____ - Automatic irrigation controllers are required and must use evapotranspiration or soil moisture sensor data, and a rain sensor.
- Irrigation controllers shall be of a type that does not lose programming date in the event the primary power source is interrupted.
- Pressure regulators shall be installed on the irrigation system to ensure the dynamic pressure of the system is within the manufacturers recommended pressure range.
- Manual shut-off valves (such as a gate valve, ball valve or butterfly valve) shall be installed as close as possible to the point of connection of the water supply.
- Areas less than ten feet in width in any direction shall be irrigated with subsurface irrigation or other means that produce no runoff, overspray, or other similar conditions where irrigation water flows onto nontargeted areas, such as adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, hardscapes, roadways, or structures.
- All irrigation emission devices must meet the requirements set in the ANSI standard, ASABE/ICC 802-2020. “Landscape Irrigation Sprinkler and Emitter Standard,” All sprinkler heads installed in the landscape must document a distribution uniformity low quarter of 0.65 or higher using the protocol defined in ASABE/ICC 802-2020.
- Non-residential minor landscape projects served by a public water system with landscape areas of one thousand (1,000) square feet or greater shall require installation of private submeter(s) to measure landscape water use.

SECTION 6 – CERTIFICATION (Initials required for Compliance Approach A, B, or C.)

_____ At the time of final inspection, the permit applicant must provide a Certificate of Compliance to the County inspector, and provide the owner of the property with a certificate of completion, certificate of installation, irrigation schedule, and a schedule of landscape and irrigation maintenance.