

# Monterey Bay Green Gardener Training Series



## English & Spanish

**This is the first local series of its kind; it is designed specifically for landscaping professionals or home gardeners.**

**This ten-week series will expose you to all the key principles of Ecological Landscaping, or “Green Gardening.”**

**Green Gardening includes many practices, which conserve water, protect the soil, and reduce the use of pesticides.**

**Green Gardening can create a healthier garden for your client, a healthier work environment for yourself and your employees, and a healthier overall community, including our shared land and ocean environment.**

**Each class lasts two hours and will begin in the early evening. Many sections will include both indoor and outdoor hands on components.**

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# Class Curriculum - Basic Green Gardener Training

**Certified Green Gardening  
Basic Training Series (English)**  
Coursework also available  
in Spanish

**Certified Green Gardening  
Advance Training Series (Spanish)**  
10-week series for students  
concurrently Enrolled in the  
Certified Green Gardener Basic  
Training Series

## Registration Information

Workshop cost is \$30 per 10 class series for each person attending.

## Requirements for Green Gardener Certification

1. Class Participants must be present for at least 8, 2 hour classes.
2. Completion of the final exam.
3. Certification is for individual gardeners.

### Soil Health

Covers soil composition, soil fertility, and tools and methods to evaluate and improve soil health.

### Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

Covers pest management approaches that reduce risk to the environment, including monitoring of physical, cultural, biological, and less toxic chemical controls. Learn to plan for healthy landscapes that require less water and pesticides.

### Plant selection

Covers selection of the best water conserving plants for our local climate and the size of your customer's landscape. Save you client money and create unique beauty.

### Fertilizers

Covers plant nutrition requirements, fertilizer ingredients, and money savings through "grass cycling."

### Irrigation I

Covers how to match irrigation needs to soil and plant type.

### Irrigation II

Covers new and old irrigation hardware systems and controllers. Learn how to get exactly what you need out of your irrigation equipment.

### Irrigation III

Learn how to trouble shoot the whole landscape irrigation system.

### Pruning

Covers plant anatomy, pruning styles and techniques and boxing and topping. Learn how to prune for long-term plant health.

### Mulches & Compost

Covers how to source mulches and composts and how to apply them in the landscape. Learn how to compost landscape pruning using hot and cold compost at the work site.

### Air Quality and Final Exam

Learn how to keep your motorized equipment in top shape. Review of all the previous sections and final exam.