

# Neighborhood Resource Center

Training, Technology and Resources for Neighborhood Organizations, Neighborhood Leadership Program, Neighborhood Enhancement Area (NEA) Program, Neighborhood Problem Solving



## NRC Helps Residents Learn About Plants For A Drought Tolerant Landscape

**Forty-two** Long Beach residents learned about “Plants for a Drought Tolerant Landscape” on Wednesday, November 10, 2010. The workshop was presented by the **Neighborhood Resource Center (NRC)** and **Long Beach Water Department** to help people reduce the amount of water they use while still keeping their yards vibrant and colorful.

Workshop presenter **Barbara Paul, Landscape Designer**, discussed plant selection and success for a drought tolerant landscape, lawn alternatives and trees for small spaces.

Some tips:

- Paul considers the “Sunset Western Garden Book” the best general information resource for gardeners.
- To be successful with plants, the garden must be in harmony with your region’s climate and soil.
- Select California native and California friendly plants that are suited to your region.
- Color in your landscape:
  1. Keep a limited color palette and use complimentary colors.
  2. Blend plant color with the color of your home for subtleness or contrast the color for sharp impact.



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