7 STEPS TO A SUCCESSFUL DROUGHT-TOLERANT GARDEN

1. CONTACT YOUR LOCAL WATER AGENCY
Many water agencies offer generous rebates to help you replace turf with drought-friendly native plants.

2. REMOVE YOUR LAWN
Sheet mulching is easy and affordable. Start in early summer, so your yard will be ready for fall planting. Learn more about ways to remove your lawn.

3. DREAM AND DESIGN
Get to know the “three Ps” of native plant landscaping. Find inspiration on garden tours and at cnps.org.

4. MAKE A LIST, CHECK IT TWICE
Study your yard, noticing areas of shade, water retention, and sun exposure. Use calscape.org or gardenplanner.calscape.org to find the right plant for the right place.

5. PREP YOUR SITE
Install your irrigation and hardscaping ahead of planting day. Check out tips for irrigation and the watershed approach to gardening.

6. SHOP
Just before rainy season begins (usually in October), take your plant list to the nursery to shop for native California plants.

7. PLANT!
Get those beautiful new plants in the ground by following these planting tips and suggestions. California native plants require far less maintenance than traditional gardens, but the first year is key to healthy growth. Enjoy!