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# News Release

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## **City Celebrates First Water Wise Garden**

*Landscaping and improved irrigation will help the City see a 44% reduction in water use*

The City of Sacramento Department of Utilities invites the public to join them as they celebrate the dedication of their recently completed Water Wise Garden located at 2260 Glen Ellen Circle. The Dedication will take place Monday May 23, 2011 at 10 a.m. and will feature a brief ceremony and tours of the landscape.

The new Water Wise Garden features native and drought tolerant plants, such as Butterfly Bush, Santa Barbara Daisy and Mexican Feather Grass. It also features low-volume emitting and drip irrigation that help to limit its water usage. There is educational signage onsite to provide visitors tips on ways that they can spare Sacramento's water while maintaining a lush landscape. The City estimates that the new landscaping and irrigation will help the Fullertown House location to save about 44% of the water it previously used to irrigate the property.

"The goal of our new Water Wise Garden is to show Sacramento that you don't have to have a big green lawn to have a beautiful landscape. Beautiful plants placed in the right place to get the right amount of sun and water combined with low-volume irrigation can make any yard lush and water-efficient," said Marty Hanneman, Director of Utilities for the City of Sacramento.

The new Water Wise Garden will be open to the public year-round. For more information regarding water conservation in the City of Sacramento, please visit [www.sparesacwater.org](http://www.sparesacwater.org).

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