



## Water Efficient Landscapes Over The Counter Information Sheet

TIME NEEDED FOR APPOINTMENT: 30 MINUTES

APPOINTMENT IS SCHEDULED WITH BUILDING AND SAFETY TRADE PLAN REVIEWER

Over the counter services are provided for construction projects located in the Central zoning district of Beverly Hills which modifies or alters a landscape area of 5,000 square feet or less, including water feature surface areas and is required to comply with Assembly Bill 18812006, known as the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance.

### SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS:

#### **Building and Safety**

1. Completed Water Efficient Landscape Worksheet
2. Certification of Design by a Landscape Architect or Certified Landscape Auditor.
3. Landscape Design Plan
4. Irrigation Design Plan
5. Grading Design Plan
6. Soil Management Report
7. Smart Controllers
8. Plant Species Water Use WUCOLS

#### **Public Works – Water Division**

1. Additional meter approval shall be provided prior to appointment and plan review for irrigation areas larger than 1,000 square feet.

### **COMMON CORRECTIONS:**

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

#### **Where can I get more information?**

Visit the City of Beverly Hills website at [www.beverlyhills.org/efficientlandscapes](http://www.beverlyhills.org/efficientlandscapes).

#### **What is an Altered Landscaped Area?**

Altered Landscaped Area is that which has been modified or altered by more than fifty percent (50%) in total area.

#### **What is my Landscaped Area? How do I calculate my Landscaped Area?**

The entire lot, including water features such as pools, spas, ponds, and fountains. "Landscaped Area" shall



not include the building footprint, driveways, non-irrigated portions of parking lots, hardscapes such as decks and patios, and other nonporous areas.

**What is a smart irrigation controller?**

A weather-based device that automatically controls an outdoor irrigation system by using weather, site, or soil moisture data as a basis for determining an appropriate watering schedule, and utilizing prevailing weather conditions, current and historic evapotranspiration, soil moisture levels, and other relevant factors to adapt water applications to meet the actual needs of the plants.

**Does my current weather controller qualify as a smart irrigation controller?**

Older irrigation controllers will not qualify as “smart” controllers. Check with the manufacturer of your specific controller model or a licensed professional to determine if your irrigation controller will qualify with the smart irrigation controller requirements.

**If I have a smart controller, do I need a sensor?**

Yes, sensors that suspend irrigation operation during unfavorable weather conditions are required on all irrigation systems, as appropriate for local climatic conditions (BHMC 9-4-407(B)(4))

**What are Landscape Regulations?**

Landscape regulations are those stipulated in Title 9, Article 4 of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code. (BHMC)

**What is an Irrigation Audit?**

An Irrigation Audit is an in-depth evaluation of the performance of an irrigation (i.e. sprinkler) system conducted by a Certified Landscape Irrigation Auditor. An Irrigation Audit includes, but is not limited to: inspection, system tune-up, system test with distribution uniformity or emission uniformity, reporting overspray or runoff that causes overland flow, and preparation of an irrigation schedule.

**Who is the Project Applicant?**

The Project Applicant is the person or entity submitting a Landscape Documentation Package. A Project Applicant may include the property owner and/or an agent of the owner (such as a contractor or architect).

**What is the Maximum Applied Water Allowance (MAWA)?**

The Maximum Applied Water Allowance is the maximum annual applied water for the established Landscaped Area or Altered Landscaped Area determined by the formula established in the Municipal Code. The MAWA is based on the local evapotranspiration rate of 48.5. This is derived from averaging the evapotranspiration rate of neighboring Cities of Hollywood Hills and Santa Monica.

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**Does the Maximum Applied Water Allowance include Parkway Landscaping?**

Yes, Parkway planting must be included in the budget calculations.

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