“TYPICAL” SIZED LOT HOUSE  
SOUTH FACING FRONT GARDEN, TYPICAL

60'x80' LOT

PLANT COUNT
TREES 4
SHRUBS 95
GROUND COVER 150 SF

PLANT CLIMATE:
High desert summers are hot and dry. Winters are cold and frosty with occasional high winds.

DESIGN:
The Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance allows drip, drip line, or other low-flow, non-spray irrigation within two feet of any non-permeable surface. It does not allow spray irrigation in these areas. There are no restrictions on the irrigation system if the landscaped area is adjacent to permeable surfaces. Planting and irrigation must be designed appropriately adjacent to non-permeable paving to meet this Ordinance.

PAVING:
Entry and side walkway to be sand-set permeable unit pavers, decomposed granite, pavers, or other surface that is low in color for low heat absorption. Driveway to be permeable concrete, permeable asphalt or upgraded to sand-set permeable paver units. Interstitial surface should be minimized.

MULCH:
Two (2) inches of mulch in all areas. Sheet mulching and decomposed granite mulch are recommended.

DRainAGE:
Drainage should be directed into landscapes with grading for proper drainage away from house. Runoff during plant establishment must be accommodated on-site.

PLANT RESOURCES:
The sample plant list above provides guidance for appropriate plant selection. Selections should be modified to address different color orientations, soil conditions, and other microclimatic factors of a particular building site. Resources for additional plant selections and substitutions include Sunset's Western Garden Book, edited by Kathleen Norris Bruning and Water Use Classification of Landscape Species (WUCOLS), http://www.wucols.ucdavis.edu. See the local chapter of the California Native Plant Society (www.cnps.org).

“ZERO-LOT LINE HOUSE  
SOUTH FACING FRONT GARDEN, TYPICAL

30'x80' LOT

PLANT COUNT
TREES 2
SHRUBS 63
GROUND COVER 100 SF

AGAVE, SUCCULENTS, YUCCA AND GRASSES

- Agave americana
- Fouquieria splendens
- Juncus effusus
- Yucca whipplei
- Agave parryi
- Dasylirion wheeleri
- Euphorbia lepala
- Cactaceae

GROUND COVER
- Baccharis pilularis
- Santolina chamaecyparissus
- Verbena parviflora
- Myrica gale

HARDSCAPE
- Pavers
- Decomposed Granite
- Mulch

DESSERT FRONT YARD  
June 2009

SAMPLE PLANT LEGEND

SYMBOL  BOTANICAL NAME  COMMON NAME

LARGE TREES
- Cercidium floridum
- Parthenocissus quinquefolia
- Citrus aurantifolia
- Zelkova serrata
- Citrus macrophylla
- Ziziphus jujuba
- Rhus aromatica
- Callistemon citrinus
- Washingtonia filifera
- Senna occidentalis
- Salix lasiolepis
- Boerhavia serpentina
- Potamogeton crispus
- Crocosmia "Arielle"
- Salix lasiolepis
- Nolina valida
- Clematis "Montana"
- Hesperaloe "Pacific Blue"
- Salix lasiolepis
- Agave americana
- Fouquieria splendens
- Juncus effusus
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Note: Some plants listed are suitable for High desert, others are for low desert. Plant palettes should be modified as necessary to meet specific climatic conditions.