

# SmartScape FAQs

# GET STARTED!

### Will SmartScape make my yard look “ugly?”

On the contrary, SmartScape will beautify your yard and reduce your yard work.

### Will SmartScape cost more money than traditional landscaping?

SmartScape will save you money in the long-term through reduced water and maintenance costs, and you may be eligible for a rebate.

### Are there any examples that illustrate the success of SmartScape?

Coastkeeper has incorporated SmartScape into large- and small-scale projects, an example is the Coastkeeper Garden. This unique, 2.5-acre sustainable garden showcases six SmartScape models that you can see and experience yourself. The Garden is used as a tool to teach environmentally sound gardening to residents, businesses and the community.

### Will Coastkeeper design, install or maintain my new landscape?

No. Coastkeeper will provide guidance to you through the entire process of design, installation, and management of your new landscape until it is established.



### Learn:

[www.coastkeeper.org/smartscape](http://www.coastkeeper.org/smartscape)

### See:

Coastkeeper Garden for information on SmartScapes informative workshops and to see living SmartScape designs.

### Visit:

**The Coastkeeper Garden**  
1560 East Santiago Canyon Road  
Orange, CA 92869

### OPEN:


Wednesday through Saturday 9AM- 5PM

### CLOSED:

Holidays, rainy days, and days of extreme heat & wind  
[coastkeeper.org/coastkeeper-garden](http://coastkeeper.org/coastkeeper-garden)


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# SMARTSCAPE

Beautiful Drought-Tolerant Landscapes



## Who is Coastkeeper?

The mission of Orange County Coastkeeper (Coastkeeper) is to protect and promote water resources that are swimmable, drinkable, fishable, and sustainable.

Coastkeeper is a nonprofit clean water organization that serves as a proactive steward of our fresh- and saltwater ecosystems. We work with diverse groups in the public and private sectors to achieve healthy, accessible, and sustainable water resources for the region. We implement innovative, effective programs in education, advocacy, restoration, research, enforcement, and conservation. Inland Empire Waterkeeper is a program of Coastkeeper.

## Why SmartScape?

Traditional turf-based landscaping is expensive to maintain, consumes huge amounts of water and produces runoff polluted with fertilizers and pesticides. SmartScape offers a beautiful alternative to traditional landscaping at a critical time for California— and you.

## What is SmartScape?

SmartScape is a drought-tolerant, water-saving landscape. Through the SmartScape service, Coastkeeper offers assistance to property owners, landscaping contractors, residents and businesses who wish to transition their property from traditional turf-based landscape into environmentally-conscious, water-saving works of art.

## How did SmartScape begin?

In response to the most severe drought in California's recorded history, Coastkeeper developed its SmartScape program to promote resource-efficient landscaping that features drought tolerant plants, cutting edge landscape designs, green technology, and sustainable management practices.

## How does it work?

Coastkeeper staff will guide you in the process of planning, constructing and managing your new landscape. All at no cost.

### This includes:

- Answering your questions
- Providing you with planning advice
- Guiding you through construction
- Training you to manage your new SmartScape

## SmartScape Benefits

- Year-round beauty and color
- Substantial reduction of water use (after plants are established)
- Eliminates urban runoff
- Reduces labor requirements to manage an established landscape
- Reduces overall cost to manage an established landscape

