

Trees are natural helpers of the environment—they improve air quality, capture carbon and reduce surrounding temperatures. That's why Metropolitan offers an extra incentive to include trees in your turf replacement project.

You can now receive a \$100 rebate per tree for up to five trees planted while you replace your grass with a beautiful California Friendly® landscape. Before you go to your local nursery or garden center, use this recommended list to help identify trees that are a good fit for your space and will thrive in Southern California's climate.

### Rebate Requirements

*A tree is defined as a woody perennial plant with many secondary branches supported above the ground by one main stem or trunk.*

- Trees must be planted within the turf replacement project area.
- Trees must be a minimum size of 15 gallons when purchased and planted.
- Trees are expected to grow to at least 15 feet tall and 10 feet wide at maturity (this does not apply to edible fruit trees).
- Fruit trees are only rebate-eligible for residential properties, not commercial.

### Apply Today

For more information on the Turf Replacement Rebate, visit [bewaterwise.com/turf](http://bewaterwise.com/turf).

To apply, visit Metropolitan's official rebate website at [socalwatersmart.com](http://socalwatersmart.com).



Operators are available to answer questions in several languages at **(888) 376-3314**.



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# TOP TREES

For Your  
Waterwise Garden

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Minimum Planting Space 

Crown/Root Spread 

Powerline Friendly 

Water Usage 

Maximum Height 

Root Damage Potential 

Evergreen 

All measurements are in feet.

## Small California Native Trees

Common Tree Name <i>Species</i>							
<b>Western Redbud</b> <i>Cercis occidentalis</i>	3'	25'	10-20'	Low	Yes	No	Moderate
<b>Bubba Desert Willow</b> <i>Chilopsis linearis 'Bubba'</i>	3'	20'	10-15'	Low	Yes	No	Very Low
<b>Chitalpa</b> <i>Chitalpa tashkentensis</i>	3'	35'	20-30'	Low	Yes	No	Low - Moderate
<b>Desert Museum Palo Verde</b> <i>Parkinsonia x 'Desert Museum'</i>	3'	20'	20-25'	Low	Yes	No	Very Low
<b>Blue Elderberry</b> <i>Sambucus mexicana</i>	3'	20'	10-20'	Medium	Yes	No	Low
<b>Toyon</b> <i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>	4'	25'	10-15'	Low	Yes	Yes	Low










California Bay Laurel










Hollyleaf Cherry

## Medium California Native Trees

Common Tree Name <i>Species</i>							
<b>Hollyleaf Cherry</b> <i>Prunus ilicifolia</i>	6'	30'	10-25'	Low	No	Yes	Low
<b>Tecate Cypress</b> <i>Hesperocyparis forbesii</i>	7'	25'	15-20'	Medium	Yes	Yes	Low
<b>Southern California Black Walnut</b> <i>Juglans californica</i>	7'	30'	15-30'	Medium	No	No	Moderate
<b>California Bay Laurel</b> <i>Umbellularia californica</i>	8'	80'	60-75'	Medium	No	Yes	High

## Large California Native Trees

Common Tree Name <i>Species</i>							
<b>Incense Cedar</b> <i>Calocedrus decurrens</i>	10'	90'	10-15'	Medium	No	Yes	Moderate
<b>Coast Live Oak</b> <i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	10'	70'	20-70'	Medium	No	Yes	Low
<b>Engelmann Oak</b> <i>Quercus engelmannii</i>	10'	70'	80-120'	Medium	No	No	Low once established
<b>California Sycamore</b> <i>Platanus racemosa</i>	10'	80'	20-50'	Medium	No	No	Moderate - High



Coast Live Oak

## Types of Trees to Avoid

Certain trees need a lot of water. Others are vulnerable to disease or pests, and some are not ideal for fire hazard severity zones.

### DISEASE & PEST-PRONE

- American Sweetgum
- Box Elder

### HIGH WATER USE

- Mulberry
- Coast Redwood
- Fremont Cottonwood
- European White Birch

### HIGH FIRE RISK

Avoid if you are in a fire hazard severity zone

- Pine
- Eucalyptus
- Juniper
- Cypress
- Palms

## Other Trees to Consider

**Torrey Pine** | *Pinus torreyana*  
**California Ash** | *Fraxinus dipetala*  
**Island Ceanothus** | *Ceanothus arboreus*

## The Best Fruit Trees for your Home

**Catalina Cherry** | *Prunus ilicifolia ssp. lyonii*  
**Pineapple Guava** | *Acca sellowiana*

## What Not to Plant

Certain trees are not eligible for the rebate. Here's a list of what **not** to plant.

- Woody plants like tree-looking shrubs used to create hedges around a property.
- Plants bred or pruned to maintain a reduced canopy. These plants are commonly called topiary, espaliered, or pollarded trees or shrubs.
- Small weeping varieties with soft branches hanging downward and touching the ground.
- Trees without spreading canopies that do not provide substantial shade or shelter when fully grown.
- All invasive tree species listed by the California Invasive Plant Council at [cal-ipc.org](http://cal-ipc.org).
- All palm varieties.



Desert Museum Palo Verde



Toyon



Chitalpa