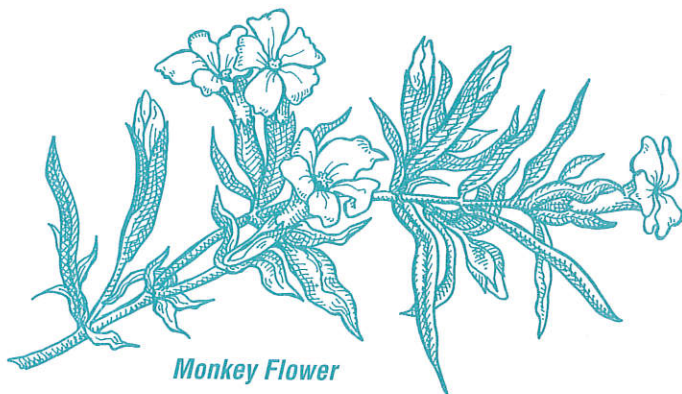


If you are a **Marin Municipal Water District** customer you can receive a free Water-Wise Gardening CD containing a full-color plant library and design ideas for native, as well as Mediterranean gardens. Also look for water-wise plants at the following stores: Sunnyside, Sloats, Bayside, West End, and United.

For more information, contact the Marin Municipal Water District at 415-945-1520.

North Marin Water District offers rebates to their customers for replacing regularly mowed and irrigated turf with drought tolerant, low water use native plants.

For information and participation procedures call:
North Marin Water District (Serving Novato and West Marin)
Water Conservation Program
415-897-4133 ext 8421



Monkey Flower

Fire Resistant Plants

The 1995 Mount Vision Fire in Pt. Reyes and the devastating Oakland Hills fire of 1991 served as a wake-up call to property owners who allow their shrubs and plants to "take over". "Pruning back" and creating defensible space* is an important step in guarding your property against wildfires. Also important is choosing fire resistant plants. These plants tend to have certain characteristics:

- . Most are broad-leaf trees that lose their leaves (deciduous).
Some thick-leaf evergreens are also fire-resistant.
- . Leaves tend to be supple, moist and easily crushed.
- . Trees tend to be clean, not bushy, and have little deadwood.
- . Shrubs are low-growing (2") with minimal dead material.
- . Tall shrubs are clean, not bushy.
- . Sap is water-like and typically does not have a strong odor.

Some firewise native plants include:

bush anemone (*Carpenteria californica*)
California poppy (*Eschscholzia californica*)
common flannel bush (*Fremontodendron californica*)
creeping mahonia (*Mahonia repens*)
monkey flower (*Mimulus repens*)
sword fern (*Polystichum munitum*)
pink winter current or red flowering current (*Ribes sanguineum* currant)
sage (*Salvia clevelandii* and *Salvia sonomensis*)
California fuschia (*Zauschneria californica*)

* Defensible space breaks up the continuous paths that could carry a wildfire to your home. To learn more about defensible space and how to create it, contact FireSafe Marin at the number below.

For more information on reducing wildland fires call:

FireSafe Marin

555 Northgate Ave.

San Rafael, CA 94903

415-446-4420

www.firesafemarin.org

