

Conserving Lake Casitas Sign Award Program

Our Mission Statement:

Recognize landscapes that inspire the community to protect and conserve our Lake Casitas water supply and other natural resources.

This program will recognize Casitas District homeowners with landscapes that show evidence of incorporating the three required conditions and at least three or more of the supplemental water wise gardening / landscape principles listed, by receiving a Conserving Lake Casitas Sign.

Introducing the Conserving Lake Casitas Friendly Landscape Award program

The Conserving Lake Casitas Award program is currently available only to direct customers of Casitas Municipal Water District. We look forward to discovering gardeners who are striving to contribute to a healthier and more sustainable home environment, and community. Eligibility will be determined by qualified Casitas water district conservation personnel and based on listed methods as well as those outlined on the Water Wise Gardening for Ventura County web site or similar methods recognized and commonly accepted as guidelines for sustainable gardening.

Is your garden Lake Casitas Friendly?

Lake Casitas Friendly Landscapes strive to protect and conserve our Lake Casitas water and other natural resources and can receive a Conserving Lake Casitas recognition sign. Lake Casitas Friendly gardeners can make a real difference in our community. Your garden will inspire others to use environmentally-friendly practices and protect and conserve the resources of Western Ventura County. Lake Casitas Friendly gardeners provide neighborhood models of what a garden can offer – from an edible kitchen garden to native wildlife habitat to a Mediterranean retreat.

Lake Casitas Landscape Principles

The listed landscape principles are based on practices for protecting the environment: Gardeners are encouraged to apply these principles to their landscapes as a holistic approach to garden design and maintenance. The principles work in harmony with the conditions and environmental needs of Western Ventura County.

Conserving Lake Casitas Sign Criteria

(Circle and add brief notes that apply)

Required Conditions:

- 1. Casitas direct customer.**
- 2. Below allocation (or 50% or more below usage of the previous year).**
- 3. Agreement to display sign and return it if no longer in compliance with the listed conditions.**

Must show some evidence of incorporating at least 3 of the following supplemental conditions:

- 1. No visible run-off of water.**
- 2. Water retention methods (Collection Barrels, Bio-swale, Gutters directed onto property, gray water system, Use of mulch on bare areas, other).**
- 3. Reduced grass area.**
- 4. Stressed vegetation.**
- 5. High use of drought tolerant plantings.**
- 6. Highly visible location.**
- 7. Aesthetically presented drought tolerant landscaping.**