

In maintaining my lawns, gardens, and landscape, I pledge to....

Total respondents 52

Average # of commitments per respondent 6

		# of respondents responding	% of respondents
	1 Nurture native trees, shrubs, and flowers around my home. I will limit lawn areas. I will plant or allow natural buffers to grow at the edges of streams and wetlands.	30	57.69
	2 Mow my lawn properly, following the rule of "mow high and let it lie."	35	67.31%
	3 Use the highest setting on the mower, not cut more than one third of the height of the grass, and allow the clippings to lie as mulch.	31	59.62%
	4 Water my yard infrequently or not at all. I recognize that one inch of water a week is usually fine. I will not water when the sun is high or overnight.	40	76.92%
Most number of commitments ->	5 Recognize that brown grass is dormant, not dead. It will return to life when rain comes.	42	80.77%
	6 Use fertilizer carefully or not at all. I will have the soil tested to determine what my yard needs. I will never apply phosphorus on an established lawn unless the soil is deficient.	35	67.31%
	7 If necessary, I will use only a slow-release, low-concentration fertilizer or natural compost.	29	55.77%
	8 Abstain from using pesticides and herbicides. I will protect children, pets, birds, and butterflies from lawn-care toxins. I will only spot treat if necessary.	36	69.23%
Least number of commitments ->	9 Create natural places for the water to soak into the ground. I will use swales or rain gardens to manage stormwater.	27	51.92%
	10 Limit paved areas and will use pervious materials when possible for patios, driveways, and walkways.	32	61.54%

In maintaining other areas around my home, I pledge to....

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Average # of commitments per respondent 4

		# of respondents responding	% of respondents
Least number of commitments ->	1 Have my septic system pumped out every two years.	20	38.46%
Most number of commitments ->	2 Repair leaky faucets and toilets, and purchase only water-efficient appliances and fixtures.	43	82.69%
	3 Use non-toxic cleaners and "green" building materials in my home.	28	53.85%
	4 Learn how to dispose of unwanted prescriptions and over-the-counter medications.	41	78.85%
	5 Dispose of pet waste in the trash or a pet-waste processor (better).	33	63.46%
	6 Wash my vehicles in a carwash or on the grass, but not on my driveway.	26	50.00%
	7 Direct my roof runoff into drywells or to other infiltrations if the surrounding soils are permeable, well-drained; and it meets Health Code requirements.	26	50.00%