



The Green Scene

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Go Green!

Vicente Landscaping is committed to protecting our earth's natural resources. Contact us to discuss the following "green" services:

- Rainwater harvesting
- Fertigation systems
- Synthetic turf
- Erosion control
- Outdoor water use audits
- Automatic irrigation systems

Benefits of Synthetic Turf

There have been some amazing technological advances in the synthetic turf industry that have taken the product from the tacky plastic grass of the 70's to the sophisticated products of today. Aesthetically, artificial turf has come a long way. The latest generation of synthetic turf looks remarkably real and offers an attractive alternative to real grass.

Installation of synthetic turf requires an initial investment greater than that of natural grass, but artificial grass can pay for itself over a period of 3 to 5 years.

The environmental benefits of synthetic turf are compelling. Synthetic turf

conserves water. It requires no fertilizer, no pesticides, no mowing and reduces dangerous runoff. It also cuts down on the amount of green waste going to landfills and reduces air and noise pollution from mowers. In addition, nearly all synthetic turf is composed of recycled materials.

There are specialized varieties of synthetic turf for nearly every application. Varieties for the yard vary by color, density and materials to closely replicate varieties of real grass. There are specific turfs for playgrounds, for fields, for putting greens, and even pet-friendly varieties which kill germs and allow pet waste to run through them.

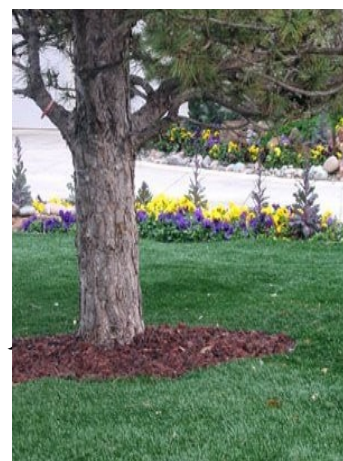


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For some homeowners, there is no substitute for the smell and touch of natural grass. For others, the decision comes down to the prospect of a lush, manicured look year round with little maintenance and reduced environmental impact.

Pondless Water Features

The sound of running water from a water feature can create tranquility like no other landscape feature and can mask a multitude of annoying noises. But what if your space is limited or you are concerned about the safety of pets or small children?

Pondless water features allow the sight and sound of running water with reduced space and maintenance requirements. In a pondless water feature, an underground basin holds the recirculating water and houses the pump equipment. The basin is concealed from view

by decorative rocks placed on the top.

The pondless waterfall is virtually maintenance-free. It can be set to run on a timer and an automatic fill system can provide for the replenishment of evaporated water.



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Did You Know?

In addition to designing and installing custom landscapes, Vicente Landscaping provides full service landscaping maintenance programs to both residential and commercial properties. Our services are tailored to your specific needs. Maintenance services include:

- Ongoing maintenance programs
- One-time cleanups
- Lawn care
- Irrigation repair and maintenance
- Weed control
- Tree thinning and pruning
- Monitor plant and tree health
- Fertilizing / Insect spraying
- Firewise cleanups / Defensible space
- Pond care
- Fertigation systems
- Snow removal

Waterwise Plant of the Month



Salvia greggii, also known as autumn sage, is a fast-growing, deer resistant shrub. Once established, it needs only occasional watering. Salvia greggii boasts bright blooms from summer through fall and prefers full sun and good drainage. This shrub is the top hummingbird attractor in xeriscape landscapes.

Spotlight on: Living Privacy Screens

When looking to provide privacy on your property or block an offending view in your neighbor's yard, living screens provide a natural solution. Less intrusive than a wall or fence, living screens create a visual barrier while doubling as an attractive part of your landscaping.

To create an effective living screen, select varieties of trees and shrubs which grow quickly and are well adapted to our area. Popular choices are the colorful and fast-growing photinia and attractive trees such as the deodor cedar, austrian pine and leyland cypress.

Evergreen plants provide the obvious solution to blocking a view. However, even deciduous shrubs will lend a layer of protection during the winter that can obscure enough to provide some privacy. If you don't use your space frequently over the winter months, a deciduous solution may allow you to explore more variety in plantings while still providing the desired screening when it's needed most.