

Maintenance Requirements: Traditional and Native Gardens

TRADITIONAL	NATIVE
<p>Purpose - Ornamental. (Mostly Asian or European species.) Can help with erosion, some stormwater. Can become invasive.</p>	<p>Purpose - Ornamental; Community Education; Eco-services, e.g. prevents runoff/erosion, fixes carbon, provides shelter, food, and nesting for small wildlife.</p>
<p>Borders – Yes. To keep a formal look and to prevent grass and other unwanted species.</p>	<p>Borders – Usually. To help define varying garden spaces and to prevent grass and other unwanted species.</p>
<p>Mulch - Yes. Plants installed as individuals; mulch is part of design, helps keep moisture in. Overall and for borders.</p>	<p>Mulch - Sparingly. Plants installed as communities. Can help when plants are first established and to define borders.</p>
<p>Replanting - Yes. Seasonally and replace annually.</p>	<p>Replanting - As needed as garden evolves. Many natives are perennials.</p>
<p>Watering - Regularly. Shallow rooted. Runoff needs to be monitored.</p>	<p>Watering - Little. Deep-rooted. Communities self-shade. (Helpful after initial plantings & during extreme drought.)</p>
<p>Fertilizer - Yes. Plants from other regions need help in our climate, soil conditions and typical management practices.</p>	<p>Fertilizer - No. Plant matter decomposes on site, enriching soil with nutrients and organic matter. Compost optional.</p>
<p>Pesticides - Yes. Non-native plants not coevolved with local threats often need regular herbicide, fungicide, insecticide, treatments, e.g. roses.</p>	<p>Pesticides - No. Plants evolved to resist region's pests and diseases, making these gardens safer for people, pets, and the environment.</p>
<p>Deadheading - Regularly for appearance.</p>	<p>Deadheading - No. Flowers/seeds left for wildlife food.</p>

Fall Cleanup - Yes. Plants are often mowed or severely cut for 'tidiness' and to protect vulnerable plants.	Fall Cleanup – Leaves remain to enrich soil & provide overwintering habitat for wildlife. Stalks are left for nesting insects.
Monitoring - Weekly.	Monitoring - Monthly to quarterly.