

**Community Focus Statement C:** Preserve and enhance the unique environmental features of Oak Glen including native wildlife, vegetation, and scenic vistas, while enhancing open space and recreational opportunities and amenities.

**Action Statement C.1:** Establish a community-based education program for landscaping and vegetation maintenance and management.

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**Benchmark:** Educate community members about specific County Code requirements regarding landscaping and designate a contact person for reporting code violations.

**Objective Champion:** Volunteer group or person or can be identified by the community

**Estimated Cost:** \$2,000 - \$10,000 dependent upon program scope.



*Following County guidelines for landscaping around properties can help to reduce water usage through the use of native plant material and help create effective buffers during fire emergencies.*

*Photo source: Michael Baker International*

Oak Glen residents can aid in enforcing regulations related to landscaping, vegetation maintenance, and tree preservation, both legally and socially. Landscaping standards can include theme related to action statement A.2 for historic landscaping, fire hazard abatement, or protection of native trees. Having community members who are educated on the specific County Development Code requirements regarding landscaping, the correct contact for reporting code violations, and where to look up County code provisions when needed can greatly increase the County’s ability to legally enforce code violations related to landscaping and the maintenance of vegetation. Additionally, creating a culture of positive enforcement and community pride will encourage residents to properly care for lawns and natural areas.

A potential avenue of code enforcement is a Citizen Patrol Unit, a team of trained volunteers who aid the San Bernardino Sheriff’s Department in crime reporting and prevention. While on duty, Citizen Patrol members can help keep Oak Glen clean and attractive by reporting code violations and potential criminal activity. Additionally, a local initiator in collaboration with County Land Use Services can produce and distribute simple educational presentations and brochures containing basic landscaping and vegetation guidelines from the County Development Code, information on how to report violations, and tips on other positive methods of enforcement.



Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Establish a Landscape Education committee to create landscaping and vegetation maintenance and management education materials.	Champion	Month 1	San Bernardino County, Code Enforcement <a href="http://cms.sbcounty.gov/lus/CodeEnforcement/CodeEnforcementHome.aspx">http://cms.sbcounty.gov/lus/CodeEnforcement/CodeEnforcementHome.aspx</a>
2. Coordinate with the County Land Use Services Department to identify related county codes.	Landscape education committee	Months 2 – 6	Wildlands Conservancy <a href="http://wildlandsconservancy.org/preserve_oakglen.html">http://wildlandsconservancy.org/preserve_oakglen.html</a>
3. Draft landscaping education materials and submit to County Land Use Services for review.	Committee and Land Use Services	Months 2-6	California Native Plant Society <a href="http://www.cnps.org/cnps/vegetation/manual.php">http://www.cnps.org/cnps/vegetation/manual.php</a>
4. Use online resources, newsletters, and presentations at HOA/CSD meetings to distribute educational materials to community members. Coordinate with the Wildlands Conservancy.	Landscape education committee	Months 6 – 12	National Wildlife Federation's Garden for Wildlife – Certified Communities <a href="http://www.nwf.org/garden-for-wildlife/create/communities/certified-communities.aspx">http://www.nwf.org/garden-for-wildlife/create/communities/certified-communities.aspx</a>
5. Discuss if community wants to set up a Citizen Patrol Unit. If yes, coordinate with County Sheriff.	Committee and County Sheriff	Month 8-12	County Sheriff: <a href="http://wp.sbcounty.gov/sheriff/patrol-stations/yucaipa/">http://wp.sbcounty.gov/sheriff/patrol-stations/yucaipa/</a>
6. Establish a mechanism for ongoing feedback from community members on landscape management materials.	Landscape education committee	On-going	
7. Revise the education materials to ensure that information is current and up to date.	Landscape education committee	Annually	