

Key principles or features of

## Gardening

### “Central Valley Style”

- 1) **Central Valley Style can be adapted to any architectural or design theme.**

*For example,*

*“Cottage Garden, Central Valley Style”*

*“Mission, Central Valley Style”*

*“Ranch, Central Valley Style”*

- 2) **The emphasis is on using California native and climate-appropriate plants.**

*The majority of the garden is composed of climate adapted plants that perform well and enhance wildlife.*

- 3) **Less emphasis is on using lawns as a default “space-filler.” Rather, the lawn is a focal feature or a dedicated recreation site.**

*Often lawns are reduced in size or there is no lawn. When there is one, it is placed where it provides the most value.*

- 4) **Gardens include:**

**- Food producing plants**, such as fruit trees, vegetable gardens, grape vines.

*These edibles are often intermingled with ornamental plants.*

**- Cultural, family & heritage favorites.**

*These plants are often exotic (native to other parts of the world) and are features in the landscape.*

- 5) **Sustainable practices are integral to garden design and activity.**

*Yard waste recycling, reduced dependence on chemicals, efficient irrigation, managing storm water runoff, and wildlife habitat enhancement are key components.*

*The Master Gardeners have been developing these collective changes into a defined style to help homeowners identify and follow creative and successful gardening practices.*



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***We're noticing a change  
in Central Valley Gardens...***

*They are becoming ...*

*...More synchronized with the local  
climate,*

*...More sustainable with our  
environment,*

*...More innovative and conscientious  
in design and gardening practices.*



The Central Valley has many forms of architecture and garden themes. Innovative designs using climate appropriate plants and reduced lawn size help make these gardens Central Valley Style.



Using native plants to encourage pollinators, birds, beneficial insects and other wildlife is a key element in Central Valley Style gardens.



Mulching, watering with drip irrigation, managing storm water runoff, and reducing yard waste are key sustainable practices.



Permeable pathways and intermingling food producing plants with herbs and ornamentals are elements of Central Valley Style.