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Long Beach Water Substitutes Artificial Turf for Grass at Wardlow Road Administration Building; Demonstration Area is Conservation Reference for Area Homeowners and Landscape Professionals

LONG BEACH, CA - Today, the Long Beach Water Department completed the first installation of its artificial turf demonstration garden along the 1800 block of East Wardlow Road, at the Brennan S. Thomas Water Administration Building. A 15 by 30 foot section of artificial turf, the first of three sections to be installed over the next four weeks, will serve as a point of reference for Long Beach residents and landscape contractors who are interested in making area homes more "[California Friendly](#)". The public is being invited to come see and feel the new turf, and compare it with the real thing.

"This is perfect for the homeowner who is looking for a maintenance free lawn and lower water bills," stated [Matt Lyons](#), Manager of Planning and Water Conservation at the Long Beach Water Department. "In fact, we all benefit because the conserved water increases overall [water supply reliability](#) and eliminates polluting chemicals like common herbicides and fertilizers that contaminate precious coastal waters."

Long Beach residents who are interested in helping the environment and beautifying their neighborhoods are invited to a free workshop on how to install this maintenance free lawn, Wednesday, May 11, 9:00 a.m., at 1800 E. Wardlow Road, Long Beach. The Long Beach Water Department offers free [landscape classes](#) year round to assist Long Beach residents in improving their neighborhoods and become more California Friendly.

For more information on landscape classes please call Matt Lyons at (562) 570-2315 or email matt_lyons@lbwater.org. See other exiting initiatives to improve our environment at www.lbwater.org.



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