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*Pool-Friendly*  
A WATER-SMART SAMPLE DESIGN *Back Yard*

**T**his sample design can be easily adapted to the unique dimensions of your landscape and pool area. As presented, this design incorporates hardscapes, walking paths and water-smart trees and plants. You may choose to use fewer trees and plants depending on the size of your property and your budget.

As shown, the canopy coverage for the Pool-Friendly design is estimated at 24.5 percent at maturity. However, only a 50 percent canopy coverage is required to qualify for the Water Smart Landscapes rebate program. To apply, submit an application and participate in a site review before making any landscape changes or removing turf. Also, consult with your Homeowner's Association, if applicable, and check to ensure your design complies with local drought codes. For more information, log on to [snwa.com](http://snwa.com) or call **258-SAVE**.

This design incorporates hardy, water-smart plants. Other landscape tips:

- Avoid plants that drop excessive flowers, leaves, seedpods and other debris that may easily enter the pool. Debris can diminish water quality, efficiency of pool equipment and your enjoyment. Don't use thorny or spiny plants that may create a safety hazard or puncture pool toys.
- If you use plantings to "hide" pool equipment, be sure to leave adequate space and ventilation for safe operation and maintenance. Check with your local government agency and Homeowner's Association, if applicable, to verify what codes and ordinances regulate how closely you can place plants to your pool equipment.
- Allow room for trees to attain their mature size, including their proximity to trees and buildings on neighboring lots. Shade trees provide a covered place for poolside relaxing or for a backyard picnic.
- Cover your pool when not in use to reduce evaporation, heat loss and debris collection.
- Never drain a pool or spa into the street or into a storm drain. Visit [snwa.com](http://snwa.com) for information on how to properly drain a pool or spa. For more tips on Water Smart Pool Management, log on to [snwa.com](http://snwa.com) or call **258-SAVE**.
- New plants often need frequent light watering in the beginning, but once established, respond better to less frequent but deeper drip waterings.
- Flagstone pavers are incorporated as part of this design. Pavers must be ungrouted to qualify for the Water Smart Landscapes rebate. Check with local suppliers or landscape companies to determine the best product for your landscape.
- In lieu of pavers, functional turf for recreation and entertaining may be incorporated into this design. If you use grass in your landscape, ensure that it conforms to your sprinkler spray patterns to maximize water efficiency, and check first to ensure you comply with drought codes in your area that limit the installation of turf at new properties. If planting grass, consider warm-season varieties, such as Zoysia, St. Augustine, Bermuda or Buffalo grass to reduce water use.
- This design also includes organic mulch, such as bark chips, which provides a natural look, prevents weeds and reduces water evaporation. Organic mulches have the added benefit of keeping plants cool in the summer and adding nutrients to the soil as they decompose.



# Legend

## TREES

## SHRUBS

**BOTTLE TREE**  
(*Brachychiton populneus*)



**MEDITERRANEAN FAN PALM**  
(*Chamaerops humilis*)



**RED FOUNTAIN GRASS**  
(*Pennisetum setaceum*  
'Rubrum')



**VARIEGATED MOCK ORANGE**  
(*Pittosporum tobira*  
'Variegata')



**YELLOW BELLS**  
(*Tecoma stans*)



**SAGO PALM**  
(*Cycas revoluta*)



**PURPLE CONEFLOWER**  
(*Echinacea purpurea*)



**WEeping YUCCA**  
(*Yucca recurvifolia*)



**GAURA**  
(*Gaura lindheimeri*)



**LILY-OF-THE-NILE**  
(*Agapanthus orientalis*)

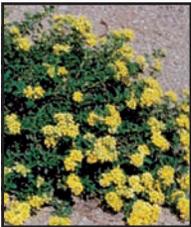


**ANGELITA DAISY**  
(*Tetaneuris acaulis*)



## ACCENT PLANTS

**LANTANA**  
(*Lantana hybrid*)



**TRAILING LANTANA**  
(*Lantana montevidensis*)



**CAPE HONEYSUCKLE**  
(*Tecoma capensis*)



**STAR JASMINE**  
(*Trachelospermum jasminoides*)



## GROUNDCOVERS

## VINE

