Our garden showcases a variety of garden practices, plants and features that save water, protect water quality, conserve energy, nurture the soil and reduce waste.

**Peace, Love & Garden Happiness!**

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**[1] Select Watersmart Plants**

Succulent and native plants use less water and are low maintenance. Native plants also feed native wildlife.

**[2] Use Permeable Surfaces**

Decomposed granite and gravel allow rain to soak into the soil and prevents runoff.

**[3] Create A Bioswale**

Directing runoff to a bioswale to allow water to soak deeply into the soil to be used by plants with deep roots.

**[4] Store Rainwater**

Use a rain chain and rain barrel to capture rainwater for later use. Run overflow into a rain garden.

**[5] Make Compost**

Use a worm composter to reduce landfill waste and quickly create an organic soil supplement.

**[6] Mulch, Mulch, Mulch**

Use a three inch layer of mulch to cool, soil, reduce evaporation and prevent weeds.

**[7] Grow Food**

Create your own Strawberry Fields - Forever.

**[8] Use LED Lighting**

Low voltage LED lighting saves energy.

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**About the Garden Designer**

Kimberly Alexander is the owner and award winning designer for Allee Landscape Design, a residential design business serving all of San Diego and Southern Orange County. Her passion for creating custom, personalized outdoor living environments in a sustainable and cost effective manner, is the driving force behind her distinctive designs. Kimberly is trained both in ornamental horticulture and arboriculture and earned her Certificate in Landscape Architecture, Phi Theta Kappa, from Mira Costa College. She also holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Mills College, Oakland, California.

In addition to being a member of SDHS, Kimberly is the Vice President of the San Diego chapter of the Association of Professional Landscape Designers. Many thanks to Kimberly for volunteering her time and talent.

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