



Sustainable Landscape Management

Why are Sustainable Landscape Management practices important?

SLM creates more attractive communities by promoting practices which enhance and preserve landscapes by:

- ◆ promoting healthier plants by eliminating stressful frequent pruning schedules and the manipulation of shrubs and trees into unnatural shapes.
- ◆ reducing generation of waste going in landfills as well as expenditures for fuel, fertilizer and plant replacements.
- ◆ using water more efficiently with emphasis on proactive irrigation maintenance and water management.
- ◆ reducing noise and air pollution from gas powered hedge trimmers and blowers.
- ◆ producing more shade by properly pruning trees in urban spaces, along walks, and in parking lots.
- ◆ replacing time spent on unnecessary pruning with time to address site issues like irrigation, soils, pests and plant issues.



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These standards were written by landscape architect Janet Waibel and adopted by the Arizona Landscape Contractors' Association. Is your landscape contractor SLM certified?

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