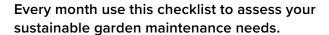
Monthly Maintenance Checklist



□ No

the trunk.

☐ Yes! Push back mulch away from



SOIL	PLANTS
Is there a 3 - 4" layer of mulch over the soil?	Are there any plants with dead flowers?
☐ Yes	□ No
☐ No! Refresh site with more mulch.Are there any berms that have flattened	☐ Yes! Remove them to encourage more flowers.
and need to be rebuilt?	Are there any plants with dead branches?
□ No	□ No
☐ Yes! Rebuild the berm with more soil and cover with mulch.	☐ Yes! Properly remove them using a reduction or removal cut.
Does my swale and/or rain garden have built up sediment and leaves?	Are there any branches blocking pathways? ☐ No
 □ No □ Yes! Remove leaves and anything else that is piling up in the basin. 	☐ Yes! Use a reduction cut or remove the entire branch with a removal cut. Are there any stressed or dead plants?
	□ No
TREES Are there any trees with dead, diseased, damaged or deranged branches?	☐ Yes! This could be for many reasons, such as the wrong soil type, water needs, sun needs, or irrigation failure. Investigate and make appropriate changes.
□ No	Are there any plants that need replacing?
☐ Yes! Properly remove them using a reduction or removal cut.	□ No
Are there any stakes or ties that need to be	Yes! Choose a replacement that is appropriate to climate zone, sun
removed or adjusted?	needs, and has the same watering
□ No	needs as the surrounding plants.

especially before it goes to seed.

IRRIGATION Are there any leaks in the system causing pooling of water or flooding? □ No □ No sprinkler heads. Does my automatic irrigation system need seasonal adjusting? П No ☐ Yes! Adjust the timing appropriate to the season. Go to bewaterwise.com/calculator.html to determine the watering schedule. П No HARDSCAPE OR OTHER **FEATURES** Is there built up dirt and debris in between my pavers? □ No ☐ Yes! Sweep away any debris to ensure

water can infiltrate between pavers.

Is there dirt on my permeable pavement?

☐ Yes! Use a shop vacuum to remove built up dirt to ensure water can

Is there any debris or trash in the trench or

☐ Yes! Use a broom or hose to flush

RAIN BARRELS/WATER TANKS Do my water tanks need cleaning out of any excessive built-up organic matter? ☐ Yes! Tanks that continuously hold water will develop biofilms on surfaces below the water level. These are naturally occurring and not harmful. If excessive sediment accumulates on the tank bottom empty all the water out and use a wet-dry vacuum to remove any remaining water and sediment from the tank. Are my rain gutters filled with leaves and dirt? ☐ Yes! Carefully remove debris. Consider installing a gutter guard. Are there any holes in the mosquito screens? П По ☐ Yes! First check for mosquito larvae in the water. If found, either clean out the tank completely or add a mosquito

MORE INFORMATION

filters/screens.

"dunk." Replace damaged

For more information on how to do specific maintenance tasks, go to TreePeople's Learn Center for downloadable how-tos, resources, videos, and more.

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