

Project: Church landscaping

Category: Sustainable Living

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Green Sanctuary has promoted ongoing second Saturday work parties to plant, prune and weed church landscaping. There are six scheduled per year. These pictures are from September 2008, when we had about 10 people volunteer. One person mowed the parking strips, another weeded the sidewalk cracks, someone cut back the bushes overhanging the sidewalk, and others of us weeded and raked the beds. The ground is covered in most places with wood chips we get from local arborists to keep the weeds down and we rake leaves into the beds for additional mulch in the fall. Only a portion of the grounds are irrigated in the summer. Most of the landscape is planted in native or well established ornamentals that need no watering. We have not used any herbicides or insecticides anywhere in the landscape. All of our prunings, weeds and other vegetative debris that can't be used for mulch on site are taken to a recycling center to be made into compost.

