



## City of San Clemente Planning Division

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### **Model Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELo)**

All projects meeting the applicability requirements of MWELo must comply with Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, Chapter 2.7, Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance. Please review the City of San Clemente's [MWELo Submittal Package Application](#) and prepare all necessary documents when submitting landscape plans. The following types of landscape projects are subject to the ordinance and must comply with MWELo standards: Residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional projects that require a permit, plan check, or design review, when proposing the following square footage thresholds for landscaping:

- **New development projects that include landscape areas of 500 sq. ft. or more;**
- **Rehabilitated landscape projects that include landscape areas of 2,500 sq. ft. or more;**
- **New and rehabilitated cemeteries (limited to MWELo Chapter 2.7 §493, 493.1, 493.2); and**
- **Pools, spas, and other water features equal or greater than 500 sq. ft.**

Any project with an aggregate landscape area of 2,500 sq. ft. or less is eligible for Prescriptive Compliance (see Section D in the Submittal Package for regulations for compliance);

Registered local, state, or federal historical sites are exempt from MWELo compliance.