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**BWP Announces \$15,000 Grants for Not-For-Profit-Organizations or Schools to Sponsor Community Demonstration Gardens**

**Burbank, CA March 23, 2009** - Burbank Water and Power officials announced today that they are accepting grant proposals from Burbank not-for-profit organizations or schools to host a Community Demonstration Garden. Two grants per year will be awarded over the next four years.

Water supply sustainability is a critical issue in Southern California and over fifty percent of drinkable water in Burbank is used outdoors primarily for landscape watering. To add to the educational information, product rebates, and water efficiency programs offered by BWP, many residents would benefit from visiting a local and easily accessible demonstration garden to see optimal irrigation products, plant material, and practices in use.

Tim Wheeler, Proprietor of Wheeler Company, a landscape water efficiency expert and instructor of California Friendly Landscape classes states, "People learn a lot of practical know-how from classroom training, but a demonstration garden really inspires people by showing how beautiful their landscape could be while using a fraction of the water they are using now. The sponsor organization benefits by having a beautiful rich garden that increases their visibility and can help highlight their services."

Please visit [BurbankWaterandPower.com](http://BurbankWaterandPower.com) for a Community Demonstration Garden Grant application or contact BWP Conservation Department at (818) 238-3730.

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