



Valley Water

# DEFINITIONS OF FUNCTIONAL AND NON-FUNCTIONAL TURF

To prevent the unreasonable use of water and to promote water conservation, **the use of potable water is prohibited for the irrigation of non-functional turf at commercial, industrial and institutional sites** (Valley Water Ordinance No. 23-02). Non-functional turf cannot be watered with potable water unless watering occurs directly under the canopy of a tree or shrub.

## FUNCTIONAL TURF

Is defined as irrigated lawn that is:

- Needed to serve a human function, including, use for recreational purposes, civic or community events.
- On the property of a single-family home.
- On the property of a park used for sport, gathering, or recreation.
- On a golf course used directly for sport (driving ranges, chipping and putting greens, tee boxes, greens, fairways, and rough).
- On a school field used for sport, gathering, or recreation.
- On a sports field.
- Needed for pet relief at veterinarian offices, boarding facilities and animal shelters.
- Within cemeteries used for visitation and gathering.

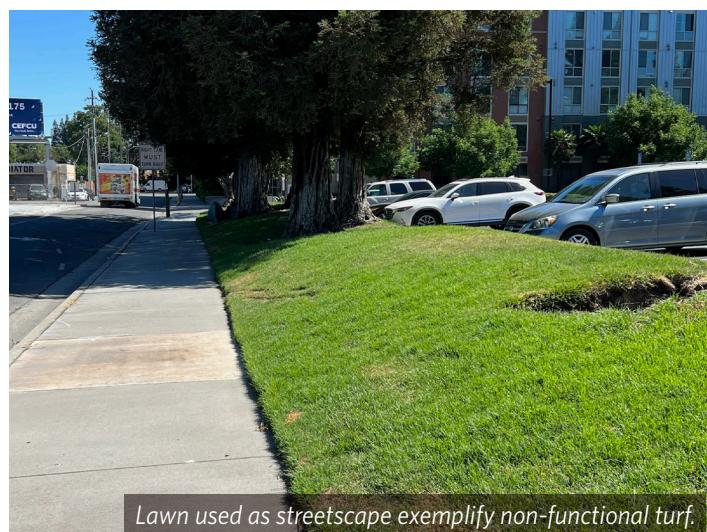


*The fields at McKelvey Ballpark exemplify functional turf.*

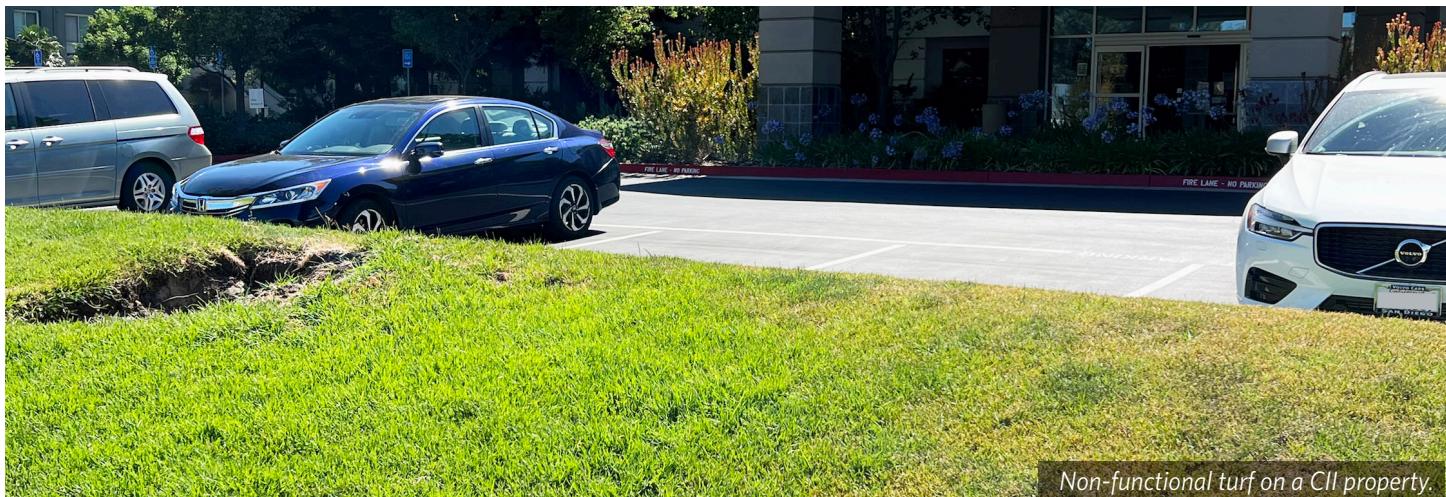
## NON-FUNCTIONAL TURF

Is defined as irrigated lawn that does not serve as functional turf, and includes but is not limited to:

- Streetscape turf/sidewalk located along private or public streets, such as mow strips or narrow lawn spaces, including turf owned and maintained by a city or municipality.
- Streetscape turf that line driveways or parking lots.
- Turf within community or business frontage areas like entryways or perimeters.
- Turf within street medians or roundabouts.
- Turf that is solely ornamental.



*Lawn used as streetscape exemplify non-functional turf.*



## COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL (CII) PROPERTIES

Include, but are not limited to:



Homeowner association owned properties; common areas of mobile home parks; apartment, condominium, and townhome complexes



Manufacturing plants and facilities



Industrial and commercial construction sites



Retail and shopping malls



Hospitals



Religious institutions



Government facilities including parks but not sports fields



Restaurants



Grocery stores



Educational institutions



Sporting arenas



Office buildings



Other properties that provide commercial, industrial and institutional services

## Questions?

Please contact us via email at [WaterWise@valleywater.org](mailto:WaterWise@valleywater.org) or by calling **408-630-2000**.

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