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## **LIFE STORAGE LANDSCAPING AND IRRIGATION POLICY**

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## **1. PURPOSE**

Life Storage believes in integrating efforts to preserve our environment. Therefore, we have set our landscaping and irrigation policy to have minimal impact on biodiversity and water consumption.

## **2. SCOPE**

This policy applies to all relevant operations and contracts that include services related to landscaping and/or irrigation systems and installation. This policy applies to both new projects and projects to make changes or upgrades to existing landscaping and/or irrigation systems.

## **3. PROCEDURE & IMPLEMENTATION**

New landscaping and changes to existing landscaping shall follow the guidelines below:

- Plant species shall be limited to native and adaptive vegetation
- Drought-resistant plants that require little to no additional water than what is naturally occurring will be prioritized when appropriate
- Plants shall have the correct level of hardiness to withstand the region's climate and weather patterns
- If there is a landscaping plan that has been previously approved by the governing body, any new landscaping performed shall conform to such requirements

New irrigation systems and changes to existing irrigation systems shall follow the guidelines below:

- Any new or replacement irrigation control system shall be a smart irrigation system. Smart irrigation systems reduce water usage and meet the specific needs of the landscape. System shall monitor include a smart timer with predictive weather capabilities.
- Any new or replacement spray nozzles shall be low flow, shall minimize overspray with a clean spray pattern only covering designated landscaped area, and shall emit large water droplets to reduce misting.
- Existing programmable irrigation systems shall be checked monthly to ensure timers are set to deliver appropriate water to supplement seasonal weather.