The reference drawings provide useful design options for different sidewalk widths and conditions, predesigned plant palettes for San Francisco, paving and planting details. The benefit of using the reference drawings and predesigned plant palettes is to save time and money. You or your hired landscape designer would otherwise spend many hours designing the layout and selecting appropriate materials and plants. These reference drawings are considered a starting point since sidewalk conditions vary and those differences will need to be addressed and reflected in the permit drawings. Whether you plan to install a sidewalk landscape yourself, hire your own contractor or ask the Department of Public Works (DPW) to hire a contractor, you will need to gather information about your site before selecting a plant palette that is suited to your specific climate zone.

Information to gather:

1. In what climate zone are you located in San Francisco? (Fog belt vs. Sun belt?)
2. Is your sidewalk sunny (south or west facing) or shady (north facing) most of the day?
3. Which plant palette option is most appropriate for your location and what do you prefer aesthetically?
4. Do you have “Parking” or “No Parking” adjacent to the proposed sidewalk landscape? Do you have parallel, perpendicular or diagonal parking?
5. Measure distance of proposed landscape area width and length to calculate total square feet for planting area and paving areas. Do not include driveway, curb ramps, and proper clearances required for above ground utilities.
6. Select preferred material option for accessible path from curbside parking, courtesy strip at curbside parking and mulch for planting beds.

Examples of materials:
- Mulch: Shredded bark chips, stone or decomposed granite
- Access path: Brick or pavers, concrete
- Courtesy strip: Brick or pavers, concrete or decomposed granite

How will replacing gray concrete with greenery benefit me?
- Create better conditions for street trees
- Improve quality of groundwater
- Improve livability of neighborhood
- Increase property values
- Landscaped sidewalks look great
- Provides habitat for birds and butterflies
- Reduce stormwater runoff
- Mitigate global warming

How do I participate?
- Select one of our pre-designed landscapes, designed for your area and exposure.
- Complete the SIRP agreement with “Sidewalk Landscaping” checked and indicate which of the landscapes you would like installed and the approximate square footage you believe would work for your site.
- Apply for a Sidewalk Landscaping Permit through the Department of Public Works’ Bureau of Urban Forestry in person or online.
- Return the forms in person or by mail to:
  1155 Market Street, 3rd Floor
  San Francisco, CA 94103
- We will contact you to discuss details
- Public Works will contact you once the exact installation date is finalized.
- Refer to the Sidewalk Landscaping Permit page at www.sfdpw.org or by calling 415-554-6700 for more information.

Bureau of Street-Use & Mapping
1155 Market Street, 3rd Floor
San Francisco, CA 94103
(415) 554-5810 (T) | (415) 554-6161 (F)
Processing Hours: 7:30A-4:00P
Monday thru Friday

NOTE: DPW may find it necessary to request additional information after the initial application review.
# Suggested Plants for Your Sidewalk Landscaping Installation

Plant palettes were developed for the different microclimates of San Francisco (fog versus sun zones and shady versus sunny areas):

## Fog Belt Zone Plant Palettes & Plans

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**Fragaria chiloensis** (Beach Strawberry)
**d. Heuchera maxima** (Island Alum Root)
**c. Polystichum munitum** (Western Sword Fern)
**d. Symphoricarpos albus** (Snowberry)

## Transition & Sunbelt Plant Palettes & Plans

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**Aster chilensis** (California Aster)
**b. Asclepias fascicularis** (Narrowleaf Weed)
**c. Calamagrostis nutans** (Pacific Reed Grass)

**Lupinus varicolor** (Many Colored Lupine)
**b. Eschscholzia californica** (California Poppy)
**c. Monardella villosa** (Coyote Mint)
**d. Achillea millefolium** (Common Yarrow)
**e. Penstemon heterophyllus** (Penstemon) (Purple or White)
**f. Myrtus communis** ‘compacta’ (Dwarf Myrtle)

**Salvia sonomensis** (Creeping Sage)
**b. Phormium ‘Jack Spratt’**
**c. Penstemon heterophyllus** (Penstemon) (Purple or White)
**d. Myrtus communis** ‘compacta’ (Dwarf Myrtle)

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