

BC GREEN STAMP JUDGING CRITERIA

Note: half points are acceptable. Where criteria does not apply disregard and adjust total accordingly.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP - 100 TOTAL POINTS	Description	Strong Presence (15 to 20)	Present (9 to 14)	Not Present (1 to 8)	TOTAL VALUE
	a) The project promotes a concerted effort in sustainability or environmental stewardship.	The project clearly demonstrates a comprehensive approach to sustainability, incorporating multiple strategies environmental health throughout the entire project lifecycle.	The project shows a solid effort toward sustainability, with a few strategies or features aimed at reducing environmental impact and promoting stewardship.	The project includes only minimal or incidental sustainable elements, with little evidence of an overall commitment to environmental stewardship.	/20
		Strong Presence (15 to 20)	Present (9 to 14)	Not Present (1 to 8)	TOTAL VALUE
	b) Use of recyclable or recycled materials and other like innovations. Trees and/or mature plants were saved.	The project makes strong use of recycled or recyclable materials and clearly demonstrates innovative thinking in sustainable design. Mature trees or plants were successfully preserved and thoughtfully integrated into the final design.	The project includes some recycled or recyclable materials and shows moderate consideration for environmental impact. Efforts were made to preserve existing trees or plants, though not all were incorporated or retained.	The project makes limited use of recyclable or sustainable materials. There is little indication that preservation of existing vegetation was a priority or considered in the design.	/20
		Strong Presence (15 to 20)	Present (9 to 14)	Not Present (1 to 8)	TOTAL VALUE
	c) Water efficiency practices are used to optimize use through irrigation zoning, efficient system design, mulching, rainwater capture and landscape contouring.	Incorporates advanced conservation strategies—such as smart controllers and prominent rainwater harvesting systems—that drive down overall consumption. Demonstrates innovative stormwater management and hydrozoning fully integrated into the design.	Includes practical measures like drip irrigation zones, targeted mulching, and basic rainwater capture. Shows clear consideration for efficient water use and plant-specific needs.	Lacks any intentional water or energy conservation features (no zoning, mulching, or runoff control). Provides little to no evidence of water efficiency or stormwater management in the design.	/20
		Strong Presence (8 to 10)	Present (5 to 7)	Not Present (1 to 4)	TOTAL VALUE
	d) Plants are chosen to suit the location, including native, xeriscaping, or drought tolerant options.	The project incorporates a variety of native plants, xeriscaping, and/or drought-tolerant plants that are well-suited to the local climate.	The project uses a mix of native plants, drought-tolerant species, or xeriscaping, though not as extensively or much variety.	The project uses few or no native or drought-tolerant plants.	/10
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	e) FireSmart landscaping principles are used to reduce wildfire risk through spacing, material choice, and plant selection.	FireSmart strategies are well-integrated with 1 or fewer fire risks present (e.g., decorative rock mulch near buildings, pruned lower tree branches, spaced plantings).	Some FireSmart elements are used, but 2 or fewer fire risks are noted (e.g., a few shrubs too close together, minor ladder fuel issues).	Several FireSmart issues are present, with 3 or more risks visible (e.g., dense plantings against structures, overhanging branches, use of flammable mulch).	/10
		Strong Presence (8 to 10)	Present (5 to 7)	Not Present (1 to 4)	TOTAL VALUE
	f) Appropriate utilization of sustainability features such as rain gardens, green roofs or walls, permeable paving, and renewable energy solutions	Features multiple innovative sustainable technologies, like a green roof with solar panels, showcasing comprehensive environmental performance.	Includes one or two sustainability features, such as a rain garden, supporting environmental goals and solid design.	Lacks significant sustainable technologies and relies on basic, low-impact solutions.	/10
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	g) Food production is included in a way that aligns with the overall vision of the project.	Edible plants are numerous and clearly integrated into the design in a purposeful and cohesive way.	Either many edible plants are included but feel disconnected, or fewer are included but are well-integrated.	None or a few edible plants are present but not meaningfully connected to the overall design.	/10
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FOOTNOTE:

In order to be considered for a Green Stamp, the project must be a recipient within a main category.