Ocean Friendly Gardens are designed to mimic nature and to restore the natural water cycle by conserving water and reducing runoff that causes pollution at the beach and in our local waterways.

Site Location/ Street Address: _________________________________________________

**Conservation:** Reduce outdoor water demand & provide wildlife habitat.

**Plants**
- ___ Non-invasive and climate-appropriate, unless edible
- ___ Grouped by water need
- ___ At least 10% of the plants are natives

**Turf Grass Areas**
- ___ No turf grass, OR kept to a minimum AND
- ___ Climate-appropriate (rainfall keeps it healthy), maintained organically, and consider interseeding with nitrogen-fixing plants such as clover

**Irrigation**
- ___ Hand watering OR
- ___ High efficiency irrigation system (drip, rotator sprinkler)
- ___ Automatic irrigation controller, if present, has a rain shut-off device

**Permeability:** Convert hard surfaces into sponges

**Healthy, Living Soil**
- ___ 2 to 4 inches of natural, small-sized, mulch maintained on planted areas. Initial application can be up to 6 inches to hold in soil moisture and keep down weeds.
- ___ No commercial fertilizers. If fertilizer is needed, use compost, compost tea, or worm castings.
- ___ No use of pesticides, herbicides or fungicides
- ___ No landscape fabric (weed cloth)
Hardscape
___Walkways and patios direct rainwater runoff to landscaping. Add permeability with pavers or permeable materials or by creating gaps and filling in with gravel or plants. For even more impact, same technique can be applied to driveways.

Retention: Detain the rain that falls on your property.

Re-direct It
___Rainwater from the roof is directed to landscaping or a permeable area OR
___To rain tanks that overflow into permeable areas if that is not possible

Soak It Up
___Use simple contours such as bio-swales, dry creeks, and basins
___Use of dry wells or similar features if rainfall volume and space constrain your yard

Additional Resources: For list of OFG best practices and additional resources, visit surfrider.org/ofg

OFG Sign will be awarded to any garden that meets the above criteria. Eligible yards and gardens can be posted to the online OFG map: https://oceanfriendlygardens.crowdmap.com

OFG Map ___OK to post the garden ______ Sq. Ft. roof area ______ Sq. Ft. garden area