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**BACK TO NATIVES WILL PRESENT “LOSE YOUR LAWN,” A NATIVE PLANT LANDSCAPE WORKSHOP IN HUNTINGTON BEACH**

*Community members will remove lawn during neighborhood workshop.*

**HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif., February 4, 2012** – **Back to Natives Restoration**, a 501 (c)(3) non profit public charity is presenting a native plant landscape workshop for the community on February 11, 2012 from 9AM to 2PM. Community members will help remove a lawn that will later be planted with locally native plants. For more information or to RSVP for this workshop, send an email to [info@backtonatives.org](mailto:info@backtonatives.org). The workshop is free. Donations are welcome.

Lawns are expensive, require a lot of water, and are high maintenance. Native plant landscape professional Reginald Durant of Back to Natives (BTN) will lead participants in a hands-on workshop to remove a lawn in a residential area of Huntington Beach. Participants will learn why planting native plants is beneficial. Reginald will describe and demonstrate BTN’s lawn removal strategy, and share some of the do's and don'ts of lawn removal - including why BTN never uses herbicides.

Back to Natives designs California native landscapes for homeowners and businesses throughout Orange and Los Angeles Counties. Native vegetation requires less water and maintenance, and no fertilizer or pesticides. Many native butterfly and bird species are dependent on the habitat provided by native vegetation. These resource efficient landscapes require an approach to design and installation that differs from conventional practices.

Instructor:

Reginald Durant is the Director of Restoration for Back to Natives Restoration. Reginald was the chief landscape designer for the “Costa Mesa Green Home,” which is certified ‘Platinum’ by the US Green Building Council’s (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) for Homes Program. Reginald also provided the landscape design for “Project 319,” one of the first homes in Orange County to earn the Build It Green, GreenPoint Rated designation. Reginald was a guest designer at both the Los Angeles Garden Show at the LA Arboretum and the Southern California Spring Garden Show at South Coast Plaza.

About Back to Natives

Back to Natives Restoration, a 501(c)(3) non profit organization, is dedicated to the restoration and conservation of Orange County and California wildlands, through education and restoration programs featuring native plants as a centralizing theme. Back to Natives uses profits from designing locally native plant landscapes to fund service learning and environmental education programs. For more information, please visit [www.backtonatives.org](http://www.backtonatives.org) or call 949-509-4787.

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