



Permits issued by SF Public Works
Bureau of Street Use and Mapping

- Additional Street Space
- Banners
- Boring/Monitoring Well
- Café Tables and Chairs
- Debris Box
- Display Merchandise
- Flower Market
- Free Sample Merchandise
- General Excavation
- Inspection of Conformity Right of Way
- Major Encroachment
- Minor Sidewalk Encroachment
- Mobile Food Facility (Food Trucks)
- Mobile Storage Container
- Night Noise
- Notice To Repair
- Overwide Driveway (over 30')
- Parklet
- Pipe Barrier / Security Bollards
- Side Sewer
- Sidewalk Landscaping
- Sidewalk Repair (Voluntary)*
- Special Sidewalk
- Street Space Occupancy*
- Street Improvement
- Transit Shelters
- Temporary Occupancy
- Tree Planting and Removal
- Underground Tank Removal
- Utility Excavation
- Vault Encroachment
- Wireless Box

SIDEWALK LANDSCAPE PERMITS



Why landscape your sidewalks?

- Create better conditions for street trees
- Improve quality of ground water
- Improve livability of neighborhood
- Increase property values
- Landscaped sidewalks look great
- Provides habitat for birds and butterflies
- Reduce stormwater run-off
- Sequester carbon



San Francisco Public Works

Street-Use and Mapping

49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 300
San Francisco, CA 94103
Phone: (628) 271-2000

San Francisco Public Works

Permit Center

49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 200

Processing Hours:

- 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
- 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Wednesday
- **Closed on official holidays**

How do I participate?

Apply for a Sidewalk Landscaping Permit through San Francisco Public Works' Bureau of Street Use and Mapping.

Application Form and Fee Schedule available:

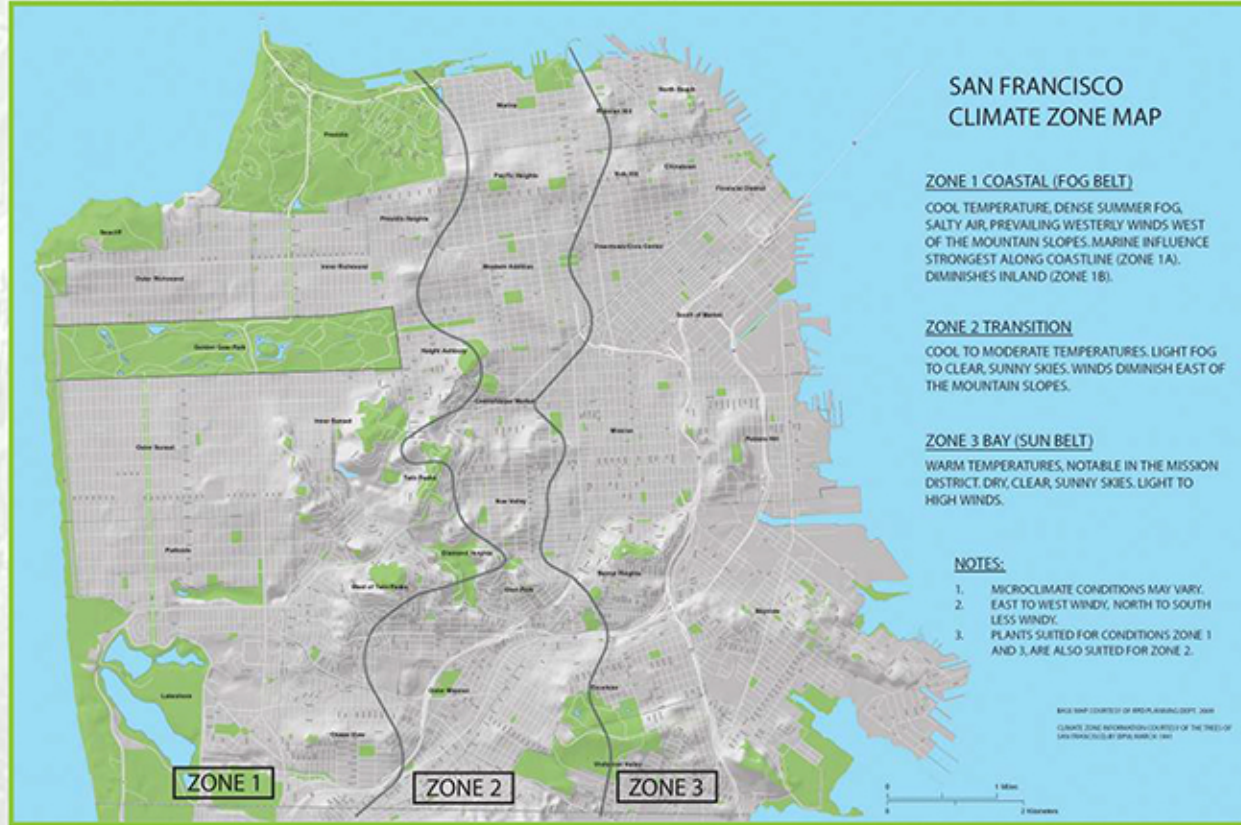
- **In Person** : 49 South Van Ness Ave. Suite 200
- **By Calling** : (628) 271-2000
- **Online** : sfpublicworks.org/Permits

"How-To" videos, plant palettes and designs, and templates can also be found under the Sidewalk Landscaping page under the "Permits" tab on the website.

NOTE : San Francisco Public Works may find it necessary to request additional information after the initial application review.

What steps do I need to take?

- Determine if your sidewalk is wide enough to install sidewalk landscaping. In general, the following apply:
 - Urban Area** with adjacent parking
Minimum Width : 11ft
 (6ft unobstructed sidewalk + 3ft planting + 2ft courtesy strip)
 - Residential Areas** or alleyways with parking
Minimum Width : 9ft
 (4ft unobstructed sidewalk + 3ft planting + 2ft courtesy strip)
- Determine if you, the property owner or agent of property owner, are committed to maintain landscaping. Often an agent of the property owner is interested in installing sidewalk landscaping, however the property owner will be responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the sidewalk and landscaped area and there must sign the application.
- Determine if you plan to hire a landscape designer or provide plan and plant list yourself. You can prepare your own plan. The most important elements are sidewalk width, your proposed planting area dimensions and any existing utilities or site conditions.
- Determine if you wish to hire a contractor to do the work or do the work yourself.
- You may also opt to hire a contractor to saw cut and remove the portion of concrete sidewalk slated for new sidewalk planting and do the planting yourself.



How do I determine what plants are suited for my sidewalk?

Select plants that are suited to your climate zone in San Francisco and tolerate the micro-climatic conditions of your site. San Francisco Public Works encourages the use of drought tolerant and California native plants.

The City can be divided simply into three zones :

- Fog Belt
- Transition
- Sun Belt

Refer to the San Francisco Climate Zone Map and Sidewalk Landscaping Drought Tolerant List for a list of plants suited for San Francisco.

Your Urban Forestry inspector can also answer questions and provide suggestions for plant choices. For more information, contact SF Public Works at (628) 652-8733.

What information should be included in the required application drawings?

templates available at sfpublicworks.org/SidewalkLandscape

Include the following measurements:

- Width of sidewalk (from back of curb)
- Length and width of new planting bed along curb
- Length and width of new planting bed along building
- Length of your property along sidewalk
- Width of driveway
- Width of entries (doorways and stairs)
- Width of remaining unobstructed concrete sidewalk
- Proposed width of accessible path from parking spot
- Width of courtesy strips (24" minimum)
- Width of clear access to utility

Include the following elements in your plan:

- Identify property line
- Entry ways
- Above-ground utilities (utility poles, hydrants, etc)
- Below-ground utilities (PG&E, Comcast, AT&T, etc)
- Street furniture and elements (benches, mailboxes, etc)
- Existing trees
- Identify existing planting areas and tree wells, proposed new trees, proposed new sidewalk landscape bed.
- Type of adjacent curbside parking (parallel, perpendicular or diagonal), and proposed edging treatment, if any.

