Green Garden Checklist

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# Tasks:

☐ **Materials**

☐ **If choosing stone, make sure stone is sourced from quarries that have been inspected and approved.**

☐ **Look to see whether existing materials can be re-used.**

☐ **If you don't want to use old material, ask around if there is anyone who would like to get some.**

☐ **Make sure all timber come with a Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certificate.**

☐ **Try to buy charcoal for barbecues from a sustainable source that help restore woodland.**

☐ **Instead of concrete blocks, use earth-rammed walls where excavations of sub-soil can be used to build free-standing or covered structures.**

☐ **Water**

☐ **Instal an irrigation system.**

☐ **Collect rainwater.**

☐ **Use plants that have a measure of drought tolerance such as herbs or prairie.**

☐ **Bare soil mulched with well-rotted compost or wood chippings will prevent water loss.**

☐ **Water in the cool of the early morning or evening to reduce evaporation losses.**

☐ **Introduce decking, gravel, paving and cobbles features as an alternative to water guzzling lawns.**

☐ **Use mulches such as wood chips, bark and gravel to help prevent water evaporation.**

☐ **Recycle**

☐ **Have a compost heap at home or make sure your waste is recycled by either the council or a friend.**

☐ **Use green manures to feed the soil.**

☐ **Earth which has been dug out can be recycled to form an 'eco mound' to house a garden building.**