

# Grounds and Landscaping

## Introduction

PCC's campuses are part of a larger interconnected ecosystem and the actions PCC take have ripple effects throughout the natural environment. PCC will protect and enhance the ecosystems and green spaces the college owns, manages, or impacts, in order to enhance regional biodiversity and personal well-being.

PCC's goals are to provide healthy, toxic-free, resource efficient and aesthetically pleasing outdoor spaces that encourage native landscapes, build a sense of place, encourage outdoor learning and support mental and physical health for the college community.



PCC accomplishes this by building and maintaining soil health over time, minimizing erosion, supporting local biodiversity, providing aesthetic value and reducing heat island effects. Our landscaping principles include designs and practices that minimize the demand for water and synthetic chemicals, avoid the introduction of invasive plants, promote pollinator health, limit the use of conventional turf, promote the installation of drought-tolerant plants and water carefully by using efficient watering methods and techniques.

Much of PCC's grounds are in use for academic purposes such as plant identification. In addition, PCC has learning gardens at each campus and the Newberg Center. Food producing areas are not treated with pesticides. The entire district is managed under an [integrated pest management plan](#). For further information about PCC's Integrated Pest Management program, please see the [Chemical Acquisition guide](#).

## Resources

- [Tree Campus USA](#)
- [Bee Campus USA](#)
- [Integrated Pest Management Plan at PCC](#)
- [PCC's 2019 Integrated Weed Management Plan](#)
- [Chemical Acquisition](#)



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