

## Customer Spotlight

*Sustainable Landscaping for a Corporate Site  
NetApp, Inc.*

**gachina**  
landscape management



**Ongoing Maintenance:** Gachina Landscape Management

**Number of Site Buildings Under GLM Management:** 12

**Location:** Sunnyvale, California

**Years:** 2004 - present

**LEED Certification :** 1 Building - LEED New Construction

2 Buildings - Pursuing LEED Existing Building Operations and Maintenance

## Sustainable Landscaping Thrives At NetApp, Inc. Site

*Reduction of water consumption*

The NetApp, Inc. site has been under the direct supervision and management of Gachina Landscape since 2004. Gachina maintains the landscape for NetApp's 12 buildings across the 42 acre site. Since taking over the sprawling site, Gachina has worked hand in hand with NetApp, Inc. to reduce the cost of maintenance by utilizing cutting edge water conservation techniques.

### *Reclaimed Water*

Gachina helps NetApp, Inc. to conserve natural resources by using reclaimed water (or grey water) for all landscape areas. Areas utilizing reclaimed water are easily identified through the use of the purple water casements pictured to the right. The use of recycled water on a property this large is no easy feat. Gachina Landscape Management has gone through a certification process in order to implement the use of reclaimed water. Gachina meets the unique challenges of using reclaimed water by constantly monitoring the performance of all of the plant species on the property and taking proactive steps to ensure plants thrive within the reclaimed watering environment.



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## *How To Save Water*

Since taking over the site in 2004 Gachina Landscape Management has worked with NetApp, Inc. on a number of cost saving initiatives to improve the overall site's landscape while at the same time reducing water consumption. The following initiatives have been implemented by Gachina Landscape:

- **Removal of turf areas**
- **Installation of drought tolerant plants**
- **Use of reclaimed water on 100% of landscape**
- **Retrofitting of existing irrigation system**
  - **Utilization of Smart Water controllers**
  - **Conversion of spray nozzles to drip irrigation**
  - **Replacement of older spray heads with more efficient MP rotator heads**

## *LEED Certification*

Gachina assists NetApp, Inc. in their LEED Certification Process through a series of monthly reports and green landscaping techniques. For example, in order to reduce the amount of waste needing to be hauled from the property Gachina implemented a mulch mowing program. Mulch mowing allows grass clippings to remain on the lawn and even helps in the natural fertilization of turf areas. Monthly reports are provided that track the amount of waste Gachina hauls from the property.

Since 1988, Gachina has focused on our clients' success. Gachina is a licensed landscape management contractor that delivers the power to grow through a collection of professional landscape maintenance services. Serving the greater San Francisco Bay Area and Silicon Valley regions for two decades, Gachina works with clients to develop long-term plans and budgets to address their comprehensive landscape management needs.

