

Customer Spotlight

Eco-Friendly Landscape

Shinsei Garden Apartments

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landscape management



Development Organization: Resources for Community Development (RCD)

Ongoing Maintenance: Gachina Landscape Management

Landscape Architect: Charles M. McCulloch

Construction: Branagh Construction

Location: Alameda, California

Years: 2009 – present

LEED Certification: LEED Platinum

Green Building & Eco-Friendly Landscape Maintenance

Saves energy, reduces water consumption & maintenance

Resources for Community Development (RCD) recently finished development of the Shinsei Gardens Apartments. Located alongside the Bayport development on land that was part of the former Alameda Naval Air Station, Shinsei Gardens provides 39 new affordable homes to formerly homeless veterans and their families, with 12 units designated for special needs families with physical disabilities.

Shinsei Gardens Apartments was created as part of the city's plan to convert and develop the former Alameda Naval Air Station (NAS) and Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (FISC) into a new and thriving residential community.

The team at Gachina has been delivering the on-going maintenance program for the development since the complex was completed in November of 2009. Shinsei Gardens is a Green Point Rated property and a LEED Platinum certified project.



Before & after "Worm Tea" fertilizer application



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All great landscapes begin with the soil. During the construction of Shinsei Gardens and prior to planting the landscape, a vibrant soil environment was created by amending a mixture of bugs and microbes. This eco-friendly mixture was created to maintain the health of the soil and assist the growth and stability of the property's landscape. Gachina's ongoing maintenance program keeps the soil balanced by using a combination of grass clippings and compost which continually improves the soil and quality of the plant life.



As part of the on-going maintenance program, Gachina adds worms to the soils around the property. In addition, Gachina fertilizes the property twice a year with a hand-applied mixture of "worm tea" as shown in the photo to the right. Worm tea is rich in micro-nutrients that encourage lush healthy growth. Worm tea is not only a great plant food, but a repellent for aphids, spider mites, scale, and white flies. This type of eco-friendly fertilization for grass, plants and trees keeps the property lush and vibrant year round.



This unique housing project has an informal landscape, spotted with play areas for children and open spaces for residents. The property was designed to showcase how green building and landscaping can create a beautiful harmonic setting that is low maintenance and drought resistant. Year round, the property is in the care of a team of Gachina Landscape Management professionals.



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