

Sofia Navarro

Gardener

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SUMMARY

Gardener with 2 years of estate and nursery experience in Santa Barbara, caring for perennial borders, roses, citrus and native plantings. Handles planting, pruning, fertilization and drip irrigation checks, and works with hand and power tools safely. Completed an environmental horticulture certificate at Santa Barbara City College.

EXPERIENCE

Gardener

04/2025 - Present

Montecito Hills Estate Gardens

Montecito, CA

Gardener on a 4-person team caring for 12 private estates on weekly visits.

- Maintain perennial beds, rose gardens and citrus orchards on **12** estates, each visited weekly.
- Install 1,500+ annuals, natives and succulents a year, planting to match each owner's seasonal design.
- Perform pruning on roses, hedges and fruit trees on a seasonal calendar, cutting black spot on roses by about half.
- Check irrigation systems monthly and adjust 200+ drip emitters to meet local drought watering rules.
- Build compost-based soil mixes and apply organic fertilization every 6 weeks in vegetable gardens.

Nursery Worker

03/2024 - 03/2025

Coastal Native Plant Nursery

Goleta, CA

Part-time role at a native plant nursery while finishing a horticulture certificate.

- Potted and labeled 3,000 native plants for spring sales and habitat restoration orders.
- Watered and inspected nursery stock for pests, moving infested flats to quarantine the same day.
- Answered plant care and gardening questions for 40+ customers each weekend at the retail yard.

SKILLS

- Gardening
- Planting
- Pruning
- Fertilization
- Horticulture
- Irrigation Systems
- Hand and Power Tools
- Plant Identification
- Composting
- Attention to Detail

EDUCATION

Certificate of Achievement

Santa Barbara City College

Environmental Horticulture

Santa Barbara, CA

12/2024

CERTIFICATES

Qualified Water Efficient Landscaper (QWEL)

Sonoma-Marin Saving Water Partnership

06/2025