













Ventura County (Zone 10) Turf Alternatives

	<u>Plant Name</u>	<u>Characteristics</u>	<u>Water Use</u>	<u>Walkable</u>	<u>Sold at Big Box</u>
	Karupia https://ccuh.ucdavis.edu/kurapia	New low water ground cover. Once established, only requires watering once a week, mowing once a month and fertilizing twice a year. Tolerates reclaimed water very well. Small white flowers. Grows quickly but does not self-seed, so it does not take over other areas.	Drought Tolerant	Yes	https://ccuh.ucdavis.edu/kurapia
	Dymondia	Low, silvery ground cover that is extremely drought tolerant once established (requires regular watering for the first 6 months). Plant individual plants 12" apart and allow to spread. Full sun or light shade. No mowing required.	Drought Tolerant	Yes	Yes
	Myoporum	Bright green, low woody ground cover with white flowers that attract pollinators. Drought tolerant and rabbit proof. Good for front yards and slopes (erosion control).	Drought Tolerant	Light Foot Traffic	Yes
	Creeping Thyme	Drought tolerant, creeping ground cover. Tolerates light foot traffic. Plant 6-12" apart to give plant room to spread. Prepping the ground takes some work. Once plant is established, very low maintenance compared to lawn. No fertilizers or mowing. Minimal watering required.	Drought Tolerant	Light Foot Traffic	Yes
	Sedum - multiple varieties	Low water ground-cover. Tolerates some foot traffic. Best in smaller spaces, flowers attract pollinators. Look for varieties such as 'Dragon's Blood', 'Tricolor', 'Blue Spruce', 'Kamtschaticum', or 'Fuldaglut.'	Drought Tolerant	Light Foot Traffic	Yes
	Hardy Ice Plant	Succulent ground cover that requires little water once established. Flowers bloom from spring through fall. No mowing required. Flowers come in a variety of colors.	Drought Tolerant	Light Foot Traffic	Yes



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	Dwarf Mondo Grass	Bright green foliage, 3" tall. Cut back in spring to encourage new growth.	Drought Tolerant	Yes	Yes
	Native California Bent Grass (<i>Agrostis pallens</i>)	Bright green cool season grass, holds up to foot traffic, requires half the water and mowing compared to traditional turf. If left un-mowed, it will flop over, giving it a soft, flowing look.	50% of traditional turf. Mowing optional	Yes	Call Local Nurseries
	Dune Sedge (<i>Carex panza</i>)	Green clumping sedge grass, mowing optional, uses 50-70% less water than traditional grass	50-70% less than traditional turf. Mowing optional	Yes	Call Local Nurseries
	UC Verde Buffalo Grass (<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i>)	Soft and green, mowing optional. Not green year round.	50% of traditional turf. Mowing optional	Yes	Call Local Nurseries

Non-Big Box Nurseries that may be able to source plants listed above

- ArmstrongGarden.com
- SoilsSolutions.com
- TheodorePayne.org
- GreenThumb.com