

Resources for Transforming Lawns and Other Areas into Landscape

Description	Link	Source
Garden Design Ideas		
Davis-area examples and diagrams of landscapes after lawns	http://publicgarden.ucdavis.edu/life-after-lawn	UC Davis Arboretum
Plant Savvy Newsletter (ornamentals)	https://www.monrovia.com/fresh-cuts-newsletter/	Monrovia
Garden Design (website/newsletter)	https://www.gardendesign.com	GardenDesign.com
Plant Research		
***Identification and search for native plants by location and by name. Gives water-use/sun/shade info and more on natives.	http://calscape.org/	California Native Plant Society
Non-profit database to search by location for CA native plants, pics, info; good search tool	http://www.calflora.org/	CalFlora
Native plant nursery with amazing search tool for native plants w/pics, other info	www.laspilitas.com	Nursery on Southern Central Coast that provides great deal of information on natives.
***Arboretum All-Stars; search for tested, tough, reliable plants that are easy to grow; good pictures	http://arboretum.ucdavis.edu/plant_search.aspx	UC Davis
PlantFinder - good for ornamentals; find plants that match light & water needs, flowering season, and landscape uses	https://www.monrovia.com	Monrovia Nursery
Good article on native alternatives to grass, design ideas	http://www.cnps.org/cnps/grownative/tips/lawn_alternatives.php	California Native Plant Society (CNPS)
Lawn Conversion Process/Ideas		
Lawn to Garden - Comprehensive Guide to the sheet mulch process	http://www.lawntogarden.org/how-to-sheet-mulch	recycling & using water, energy and other resources efficiently)
Lawn Removal Methods (step by step, detailed)	http://sacmg.ucanr.edu/Beyond_Lawn/	Sacramento Co Master Gardeners
Placer County couple who converted lawn to landscape and won award	http://pcmg.ucanr.org/newsletters/Curious_Gardener_Newsletters69479.pdf	Curious Gardener newsletter, Master Gardeners of Nevada & Placer Counties
From Lawn to Water-Smart Landscape, Part 2. Second article about Placer County couple who converted lawn to landscape.	http://pcmg.ucanr.org/newsletters/Curious_Gardener_Newsletters69479.pdf	Curious Gardener newsletter, Master Gardeners of Nevada & Placer Counties
Short stories of lawn conversions	http://bewatersmart.info/rethink-your-yard/	Regional Water Authority (Sacramento area)
Design-It-Yourself Native Garden (step-by-step slides on design process)	http://www.cnps-scv.org/index.php/education/presentations/319-design-it-yourself-native-garden	Deva Luna in CA Native Plant Society, Santa Clara Chapter
Water-Wise Landscape		
PDF on water-wise landscaping for the Sierra foothills	http://ncmg.ucanr.org/files/140129.pdf	UCMG Nevada/Placer Counties
***Guidance in selection and care of landscape plants relative to their water needs	http://ucanr.edu/sites/WUCOLS/	UC Ag & Natural Resources (UCANR)
Bermuda Grass		
IPM Pest Note on Bermuda Grass	http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/PESTNOTES/pn7453.html	UC Integrated Pest Management (UCIPM)
Landscape Care		
How to care for your new landscape	http://lawntogarden.org/sites/default/files/maint_guide%20%281%29.pdf	StopWaste

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Drought		
U.S. Drought Monitor	https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/	University of Nebraska-Lincoln, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), & U.S. Dept of Agriculture
California Drought: Conditions and Impacts	https://www.californiadrought.org/	Pacific Institute (non-profit focused on freshwater)
Mulch		
Using Arborist Wood Chips as a Landscape Mulch	https://pubs.extension.wsu.edu/using-arborist-wood-chips-as-a-landscape-mulch-home-garden-series	Washington State University extension
"The cardboard controversy"	https://gardenprofessors.com/the-cardboard-controversy/#comment-15632	Linda Chalker-Scott, Professorin Horticulture Dept. at Washington State University; Extension Urban Horticulturist
"Why Mulch Matters"	https://ioegardener.com/podcast/110-why-mulch-matters/	
"Carbon dioxide and oxygen exchange at the soil-atmosphere boundary as affected by various mulch materials"	https://www.researchgate.net/publication/335224039_Carbon_dioxide_and_oxygen_exchange_at_the_soil-atmosphere_boundary_as_affected_by_various_mulch_materials	<i>Soil and Tillage Research</i> . Aug 2019.
Sheet Mulching (Lasagna Gardening) – Does It Harm Soil?	https://www.gardenmyths.com/sheet-mulching-lasagna-gardening-harm-soil/	Robert Pavlis
Rainwater Harvesting		
"Rainwater Harvesting and Rainscaping Strategies for Healthy Watersheds" Recorded presentation by Nancy & Ames Gilbert	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z5XYDGspPMw	Redbud Chapter, CA Native Plant Society