THE LAWN IS DEAD. . .

NOW WHAT?

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SANTA MONICA DEMONSTRATION
garden/garden

Traditional Garden

Sustainable Garden
SUSTAINABLE GARDEN
ESTABLISHED
Sustainable compared to Traditional:

- 1/10 of the water
- ¼ of the maintenance labor
- 3/5 of the green waste
- Increased habitat
- Lowered pollution

To view online:
http://www.smgov.net/Departments/OSE/Categories/Landscape/Demonstration_Gardens.aspx
Annual Comparison

Sustainable Landscape vs. Traditional Landscape:
- **Sustainable Landscape**
  - Water: 6,000 Gallons
  - Yard Waste: 250 Pounds
  - Maintenance: 15 Hours

- **Traditional Landscape**
  - Water: 57,000 Gallons
  - Yard Waste: 670 Pounds
  - Maintenance: 80 Hours

Garden/garden in Santa Monica
STYLES & INTERPRETATIONS

- California Native
- Asian/Japanese
- Modern/Contemporary
- English Cottage Garden
- Formal/European/Italian/French
- Mediterranean
- Eclectic
Design: Patricia St. John, Installation: EarthCare Landscaping
Design and Installation: Erin Dougherty/Native Revival
Photo and Design: Stephanie Morris, Installation: EarthCare Landscaping
Design: Vijaya Gajjala  Installation: EarthCare LS
Design: Patricia St. John, Photo: Laura Schaub
Design: Annaloy Nickum, Installation: EarthCare Landscaping
Design: Cheryl Renshaw, Installation: EarthCare Landscaping, Photo: Deva Luna
LOTS OF IDEAS

- Children’s Garden
- Fairy Garden
- Butterfly Garden
- Water Garden
- Habitat Garden
- Bird Watching Garden
- Sculpture Garden
CHILDREN’S GARDEN
LAMB’S EAR DEFINES EDGE OF PLAY YARD

Design: Maureen Decombe, Installation: EarthCare Landscaping
Photo: Deva Luna
FAIRY GARDEN

Design: Patricia St. John, Installation: SamScaping
HABITAT GARDEN

Photo & Design: Owen Dell, County Landscapes
WATER ATTRACTS BIRDS
SEASONAL BIRDBATH IN STONE
GARDEN SCULPTURES

- Focal point
- Purchased or home made
- Formal or informal
- Showcase your style
- Whimsical
- Natural
Sculpture hidden in corners
Driftwood snake sliding through Ceanothus
Taming an overgrown Juniper
Beauty in the Natural World
A Sculptural Fence
& MORE IDEAS

- Edible Garden
- Herb Garden
- Cutting Flower Garden
- Zen Meditation Garden
- Feng Shui Garden
- Cactus/Desert Garden
- Rock Garden
RAISED BEDS IN FRONT YARD

Design: Maureen Decombe, Installation: EarthCare Landscaping
EDIBLE LANDSCAPING
MEDITATION GARDEN
CACTUS GARDEN

“Under the Sea” Quail Botanic Garden
“LAWN” SUBSTITUTES

Herbs, Groundcovers, Meadows
MIXED HERB LAWN

Design: Cheryl Renshaw,
Installation: EarthCare Landscaping
SUITABLE HERBS

Chamomile

- Wooly Thyme
- Creeping Thyme
- Corsican Mint
- Yerba Buena
- Yarrow

Design: Cheryl Renshaw
YARROW LAWN

Design & Photo: Stephanie Morris
Yarrow
Armeria
MEADOWS
“NO MOW” GRASSES

- Seasonal changes
- Flowers sway in the breeze
- Some can be mowed as a traditional lawn
- Can be weed whacked annually
- Provide habitat for birds, butterflies
- Can be interplanted with wildflowers
RED FESCUE

Photo: Deva Luna
String trimming to renew meadow

Photo: Deva Luna
Running Grasses

- Red Fescue  
  *Festuca rubra*
- Dune Sedge  
  *Carex pansa*
- Foothill Sedge  
  *Carex praegracilis*
- Idaho Fescue  
  *Festuca idahoensis*

Bunching Grasses

- Berkeley Sedge  
  *Carex divulsa*
- California Fescue  
  *Festuca californica*
- June Grass  
  *Koeleria macrantha*
- Purple Needle Grass  
  *Nasella pulchra*
- Leafy Reed Grass  
  *Calamagrostis foliosa*
NATIVE SOD NOW AVAILABLE
FESTUCA OCCIDENTALIS

Design: Middlebrook Gardens    Photo: Stephanie Morris
BERKELEY SEDGE

Design & Installation: Erin Dougherty    Photo: Deva Luna
Berkeley Sedge after haircut

Design & Installation: Erin Dougherty         Photo: Laura Gardner
Berkeley Sedge with Wildflowers

Design & Photo: Agi Kehoe
CAREX PANSA

Design: Agi Kehoe

Installation: EarthCare Landscaping
U C Verde Buffalo Grass (Texas native)

Unmowed – about 6” tall. Winter brown
WILDFLOWERS IN MEADOWS

Design: Agi Kehoe  Photo: Deva Luna
ESTABLISHING A MEADOW

- Relaxed attitude around perfection/change
- Decide on type of grass
- Mixed with flowers?
- Transplants or seed?
- Pre-germination of existing weed seeds
- Weeding important until established
MEADOW PROGRESSION
Design: Stephanie Morris, Installation: EarthCare Landscaping
Photos: Deva Luna

FIRST YEAR
SECOND YEAR
THIRD YEAR
FOURTH YEAR

Photo: Diana Zappel
Design: Stephanie Morris
Installation: EarthCare
6 steps to designing your new space


2. Divide and conquer! Now the new (smaller) areas are divided by the paths.

3. Place larger items – trees/shrubs for shade or screening.

4. Place “accents” to create good views (boulders, dramatic plants, sculpture, birdbaths, benches, pots, etc.).

5. Put colorful perennials near walkways, the entry, sidewalks, etc.

6. Fill in the other areas with low, spreading plants like low Sages, Coyote Bush, Ceanothus, etc. Make sure to give these spreaders the space they need!
Manzanita (Arctostaphylos)
Beach Strawberry Ground Cover

Design: Sherri Osaka   Photo: Deva Luna
California Lilac (Ceanothus)
Salvia ‘Bee’s Bliss’

Design: Stephanie Morris     Installation: Curtis Horticulture
NOW, HOW DO YOU ACTUALLY REMOVE IT?
THIRSTY LAWN -- BEFORE
AFTER: NATURAL FRONT YARDS
STEP BY STEP
IN PICTURES
Scalped lawn (optional)
Cut back the edges near hardscape
Cut back the edges and make a mound with the extra soil.
Examples of natural looking mounds
Smother grass with paper
Delivery of “Arbor Chips” on top of paper
Space plants for ultimate growth
Planting “pocket” in mulch
Scuff or open root balls, Add mycorrhizae
Drip irrigation
Expandable drip irrigation
Dry creek and two colors of mulch
Natural Front Yard one year after planting
Six months later
Newly planted Oct. ‘09
Natural Front Yard two years after planting
RESOURCES

www.valleywater.org
Santa Clara Valley Water District offers rebates

www.naturalfrontyards.com
EarthCare’s low-cost front lawn replacement

www.goingnativegardentour.org
Going Native Garden Tour - April

www.cnps.org
California Native Plant Society

www.landscapestandards.com
A wiki site for Sustainable Landscaping with lists of professionals and pictures
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