How To Remove Turf

• Eliminating turf/grass is a great way to cut back on water usage.
• Use the following as a guide.

You’ll need the following:

- Cardboard
- Mulch

Let’s get started

Sheet Mulch

• Cover your lawn with 1 layer of cardboard or 6 layers of newspaper. Be sure to overlap by at least 6” to prevent grass from growing through.
  - Remove any tape or glossy inserts and labels from the boxes.

• Add 4 – 6 inches of mulch on top.
• Water it. Keeping the mulch and cardboard moist helps it to decompose.
• Wait for it to decompose or go ahead and select sites for your plants. Do this by pushing the mulch out of the way, cutting a circle in the cardboard, and removing the grass underneath. Plant the plant and then add mulch around its base.
Ideas For Where To Remove Turf

When looking at your site consider:

- Move existing garden borders outward.
  - In the space in front of existing shrubs, install low-growing plants

- Move out from around trees.
  - Create a turf-free zone around trees extending out from the tree to at least the drip line; utilize mulch.

- Break up large areas of turf.
  - Create pathways, swales and/or dry creek beds
  - Create areas of interest in the middle of a turf area
  - Berms with native plants to add height
  - Large boulders surrounded with native plants

- Convert an entire lawn or parkway area.
  - Install a native plant or edible garden.

How-to Video

Watch the following video to see a visual of how to sheet mulch.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4rjWgfcYA3I