



Self-Guided Landscapes Tour

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Favorite Plant: *Gaura (Gaura lindheimeri)*

Project Size / Amount of Grass Removed: We removed 500 square feet of grass in our front yard.

Materials Used: I just ripped out the dead grass, planted drought-tolerant plants and then added wood chips in the open spaces around the plants.

What I like most about my updated landscape: I don't have to mow the lawn anymore, and I even got rid of the lawnmower. The lawn required watering 5 to 6 days a week to keep green, but the plants need less than half of the water. If some plants look a little stressed from the heat you can take just a watering can and give the plants a drink.

What I learned while completing my project: I learned that plants need less water than a lawn. A lawn is nothing more than a form of groundcover. When I first started buying plants it was hard to find certain drought-tolerant plants that I would see on the internet, now Home Depot and Lowe's sell lots of drought-tolerant plants.

Tip: Let the lawn dry out before trying to take it out, when it's dead it comes right out.

Before



After



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Plant List

		
<p><i>Gazania Hybrids</i> Gazania</p>	<p><i>Geranium Incanum</i> Sugar Plum Geranium</p>	<p><i>Armeria Maritima</i> Sea Thrift (Sea Pink?)</p>
		
<p><i>Myoporum parvifolium 'Prostratum'</i> Myoporum</p>	<p><i>Gaura lindheimeri</i> Gaura</p>	<p><i>Gaillardia grandifolia</i> Blanket Flower</p>