

From Lawn to Life in All Seasons

The evolution of front lawn removal...



Before



After

Life lessons on removing the front lawn

- Decide first much lawn is removed and how much planting to do. Take it in manageable chunks.
- Wean from the green, appreciate au-naturel.
- Design...Design...Design, it makes all the difference.
- Go for year around appeal, combine evergreen, deciduous & perennial plants.
- Lawn Alternatives are plant or seed mixes and not intended to be traditional grass lawns.
- Choose plants for success and not because they are trendy.

Meet your cultural conditions-
Water wise, shade tolerant, etc.

Plants will thrive and plants will die
- gardens just happen that way.

- Be patient in the early phases of growth. Planning a garden or breathing new life into a garden is daunting work but so rewarding and worth it!

Plant List:

Shrubs and evergreens

- Cistus prostratus*
- Santolina virens* 'Lemon Fizz'

Grass:

- Blue Oat Grass (*Helictotrichon sempervirens*)

Perennials

- Achillea millefolium*
- Allium* 'Millenium' and 'Windy City'
- Allium* 'Sensation' (bulb)
- Amsonia hubrichtii*
- Baptisia* 'Indigo Spires'
- Gaura* 'Silver Fountain'
- Liatris spicata*
- Nepeta* x 'Walker's Low'
- Sea Holly (*Eryngium planum*)
- Verbena bonariensis*

Plants that did not do well or fizzled out after a few seasons:

- Agastache* 'Blue Boa'
- Salvia nemorosa* 'Caradonna'
- Penstemon* h. 'Electric Blue'
- Echinacea* p. 'White Swan'



Embrace the seasonality of dry summer designing!
Dry summer - low-water landscapes- will have a different look than a garden that is well-watered. Choose plants that transition well!



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