

Weekend Project: Sheet Mulching

An experiment in replacing an existing lawn with a water-friendly alternative.



Exhibit A: A water-guzzling lawn area that needs to be replaced with something less thirsty.



Exhibit B: Gather salvaged cardboard and newspaper. Cover the lawn with the cardboard or newspaper.



Exhibit C: Cover the cardboard (newspaper) with 3 to 4 inches of top soil (raised bed blend is topsoil/compost mix)



Exhibit D: Irrigation placement of Netafim™ or other drip-type irrigation on the topsoil.



Exhibit E: After planting the topsoil with thyme or another low water using ground cover and VOILÀ! One season later, the ground cover fills in.