

Sheet Mulch Your Way to a Drought-Tolerant Garden

A great place to look for water savings year round is outdoors in the landscape. If you're ready to move on from having a water-thirsty lawn, try sheet mulching for the least expensive and most effective way to convert your lawn to a garden.

Sheet mulching is the process of layering cardboard, compost, and mulch right on top of the grass to smother it and create the foundation for healthier soil.

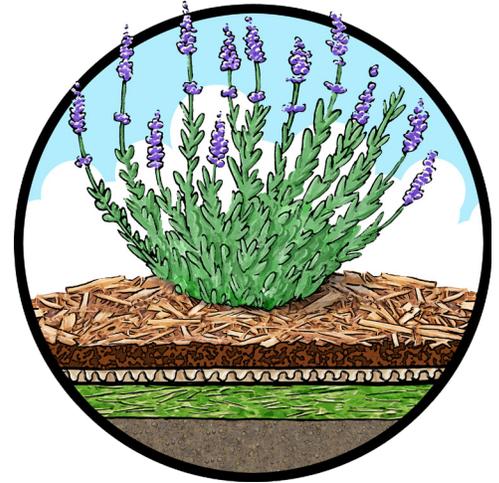
Its many benefits include:

- Reducing water use and increasing the water holding capacity of your soil
- Reducing the waste from tearing out a lawn (sod is harmful to commercial compost equipment and must be landfilled)
- Building healthy soil and helping to store carbon to fight climate change
- Creating the foundation for a resilient and drought-tolerant garden
- Eliminating the need for grass- and weed-killing herbicides that pollute streams and the bay

Plus, you can plant your new garden directly into the compost and mulch.

Our [Lawn to Garden website](#) has all the tools you need to make your lawn conversion project a success:

- [Detailed instructions and how-to videos](#)
- [Tools to help calculate](#) how much material you will need, how much it will cost, and how much water you will save annually
- [A directory of vendors](#) that provide bulk compost, mulch, and other sheet mulch materials
- [Links to rebates and support from local water agencies](#) (be sure to apply for rebates before starting your work)



Layering cardboard, compost, and mulch right on top of your lawn kills grass and weeds and creates a healthy foundation for your garden.



Many hands make light work so enlist some friends for your sheet mulch project.

Visit LawnToGarden.org for more information on using sheet mulch to transform your landscape.