

Perfectly manicured green lawns require hours of labor and resources. There are many alternatives that will still look great and function just as well.



What are good options of lawn alternatives?

Ornamental grasses are great options for low-maintenance lawn alternatives. They require less water and come in a variety of heights, colors, and sizes. Ground covers, too, are an easy way to add life to your yard with little maintenance. Rocks are also a great substitute for lawn – strategic placement can create eye-catching pathways with varying sizes and colors. Light weeding in the rocks is the only maintenance required.

What is a “live fence”?

Using plants to create a natural fence is a creative way to add color and privacy. Our three-wire mesh screens provide support for hardy vines that will attract both wildlife and attention. A “live fence” is more welcoming than a solid wall and will allow you to be creative with plant choices!



What are the benefits of adding a deck to my yard?

Decks are a great tool to increase your living space. Adding a small table and chairs can transform a deck into a space to entertain friends and family. Trex Decking is a great material that is 95% recycled – it will resist mold, stains, and is virtually maintenance free. Its appearance has the classic elements, but with a lot less work on your part.



Naturally Beautiful Backyards

Environmental Services' Naturally Beautiful Backyards (NBB) program promotes the creation of healthy and productive ecosystems in residential yards and gardens by providing education on earth-friendly gardening techniques. Using earth-friendly gardening techniques can greatly reduce the use of synthetic chemicals, increase beneficial organism activity, enhance habitat and wildlife areas, and contribute to the overall health of the community.

The NBB Program promotes six primary earth-friendly gardening techniques:

- Tolerate minimal damage from pests.
- Build and maintain healthy soil.
- Use chemicals as a last resort.
- Use native plants when possible.
- Attract Beneficial Insects.
- Conserve water.

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Natural Gardens at Pacific Park



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Species List:

- Variegated Mondo Grass
Ophiopogon japonicus 'Variegata'
- Sweetflag
Acoris gramineus 'Minimus Aureus'
- Sedge
Carex comans 'Frosty Curls'
- Scotch Moss
Sagina subulata
- Creeping Thyme
Thymus praecox 'Albiflorus'
- Dianthus
Dianthus 'Royal Midget'
- Black Mondo Grass
Ophiopogon japonicus 'Nigrescens'
- Coneflower
Echinacea
- Tufted Hair Grass
Deschampsia caespitosa 'Northern Lights'
- Bronze Sedge
Carex comans 'Bronze'
- Variegated Japanese Dwarf Rush
Acoris gramineus 'Variegatus'
- Hens and Chicks
Sempervivum 'Red Rubin'
- Spiderwort
Tradescantia
- Variegated Toadlily
Tradescantia 'Blushing Bride'
- Shasta Daisy
Chrysanthemum maximum

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