



# Water Wise Landscaping Makeover Preparation Sheet



## Step by Step Quick Guide for Beginners

1. Go to classes; Visit WW Gardens; Talk to experts; Look at other WW landscapes
2. Eliminate your grass. Options include:
  - Chemical - Roundup (3 applications 7 to 10 days apart. Water 48 hours after applying)  
Note: Roundup is safe IF used correctly. Do NOT let it run off onto the street.
  - Organic - Layers of newspaper or plastic tarps (clear). Less effective on some grasses.
3. Design the yard and show the design to experts for their comments
4. Dig up old, dead grass
5. Redo or update existing irrigation system
6. Overhead watering - MP rotator sprinkler heads are water efficient
7. Drip irrigation – Works well for plants (direct watering), not for groundcover
8. Plant the plants and cover the surrounding area with 2" to 3" of mulch
9. Reset irrigation timer (Note: all new plants need more water until established)
10. Patiently wait for plants to grow



### Benefits Include:

- Less Water
- Less Yard Trimming
- Less Yard Maintenance

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Water Wise landscapes use about 40% less water, need less maintenance, and attract birds, hummingbirds & butterflies.