



San Diego Master Gardener

Class of 2023



Session # 13

Turf Grass and Landscape Alternatives

05/02/23

Objectives

1. After this lesson, the trainee will know:
 - 1.1. The basic functions of turfgrass in California landscapes;
 - 1.2. Lawn establishment and maintenance practices for commonly used lawn grasses in California;
 - 1.3. Basic steps in renovating a lawn;
 - 1.4. Cool-season and warm-season turfgrasses for California lawns;
 - 1.5. To be an informed consumer when purchasing seed, stolons, and sod;
 - 1.6. The routine concepts of sustainable turfgrass maintenance, and practices (mowing, grass recycling, fertilization, irrigation, dethatching, aeration, and weed, disease, and insect management).
2. After this lesson, the trainee will be able to:
 - 2.1. Establish or replace a turfgrass lawn;
 - 2.2. Select appropriate turf seed, stolon, and sod;
 - 2.3. Properly maintain a turfgrass lawn;
 - 2.4. Diagnose and manage common turfgrass diseases;
 - 2.5. Identify some common turf alternatives.
3. How to access more information:
 - 3.1. California Master Gardener Handbook, Second Edition, 2015, pp. 277-301
 - 3.2. California Master Gardener Handbook, Second Edition, 2015, pp. 637-655
 - 3.3. Supplementary Materials: Turfgrass Management and UC Guide to Healthy Lawns:
<http://ipm.ucanr.edu/TOOLS/TURF/>
 - 3.4. [Sustainable Landscape Guidelines](#)
 - 3.5. California Native Plant Society: [Alternatives to Lawns](#)
 - 3.6. [UCANR Lawn Removal Methods](#)
 - 3.7. [Walkable Lawn Alternatives](#)



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8:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Room setup• Exhibit Setup Team 5: Invasive Plants• Room available for refreshment team 8• Good, Bad, Bugly put on screens	
8:30 -9:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Class starts• Announcements<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Lab Rats Group Groups reminder 2o "The Good, Bad and the Bugly" identified• Authentication: Integrated Pest Management	
9:00 - 10:00	<i>Turf Grass Management</i>	Claire Ehrlinger
10:00 - 10:15	Break	
10:15 - 11:15	<i>Turf Grass and Landscape Alternatives</i>	Claire Ehrlinger
11:15 - 11:45	VIPR Presentations	Scott Reed Claire Truong Susan Ross Dana Withall
11:45 - 12:00	Committee Focus: Earth Friendly Gardens	Dawn Standke
12:00 - 12:30	Lunch	
12:30 - 12:45	Committee Focus: Design Charrette	Susan Pransky
12:45 - 2:10	<i>Lab - "Cutting Hedge Technology" – Garden Design</i>	Judy MacKenzie
2:10 - 2:20	Ask a MG	Debbie Handal
2:20 - 2:30	Wrap-up	
2:30	Staff Debrief	

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