**Xeric Oasis**

The "Xeric Oasis" can be placed in an area of the yard that is hard to water or in a corner where the irrigation is easily updated.

The garden sketch represents how the plants look when established. The bird’s eye view demonstrates how to layout the plants to create this garden.

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**PLANT LIST:**

- **Dwarf Amur Maple (3)**
- **Valley Cushion Mugho Pine (2)**
- **Big Bluestem (3)**
- **Dwarf Korean Lilac (3)**
- **Prostrate Spruce (2)**
- **Blue Avena Grass (?)**
- **Moonshine Yarrow (5)**
- **Variegated Iris (3)**
- **Wall Germander (?)**
- **Pink Gaintz Creeping Thyme (11)**
- **Daffodils (28)**

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**Successful Landscaping Tips**

**Remove Unwanted Vegetation:** Remove existing grass, weeds, and unwanted plants before installation.

**Improve the Soil:** After removing vegetation, spread 1-2 inches of compost and till it into the soil at least 6 inches deep. If working around an existing tree, mix in the compost by hand.

**Install Mulch:** Add mulch after planting to reduce evaporation of moisture from the soil.

**Water Smart:** Although these plants are low water, they are not no water. Once established, water 1-2 times a week to ensure good plant performance.

**Don’t Forget Maintenance:** All of the plants selected for this plan are easy to maintain. Cut back perennials & grasses in the spring. Prune only dead or broken branches on trees and shrubs.

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**LANDSCAPE DESIGN TEMPLATES FOR LAWN REDUCTION**

Incorporating water-wise and low maintenance strategies for reducing your lawn.
**Before You Begin:**

Before heading to the nursery, take a look at the following questions to ensure this plan is the right choice for you.

**Do I have the right exposure?** These landscape templates are intended for a sunny location. If your location has more than a half day of shade, you may need to consider plant substitutions or another design.

**Will this fit in the space I have?** These plans were created to fit a variety of spaces. If you have a space 35’ x 20’, the “Xeric Oasis” would be the plan to follow. If you are removing a border of grass, the “A Little at a Time” template will work well for you. If your site is smaller, fewer plants may be needed or sections of the plan may be eliminated. If your site is larger, consider adding more of the same plants.

**Am I ready to plant?** Before buying the plants, make sure the area is prepared. Remove any unwanted vegetation, till and amend the soil, and modify the irrigation in order to begin planting.

When reducing grass, remember to modify the sprinkler system. Adjusting existing sprinkler heads and installing new drip irrigation will provide a better watering system for the plants and increase your watering efficiency.

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**Lawn Reduction**

**Landscape Design Templates for Reducing Your Grass**

Converting existing grass into a xeriscape garden is a great way to reduce your landscape water use while adding color and winter interest. The “A Little at a Time” & “Xeriscape Oasis” are two templates that showcase different scenarios in how to achieve this.

**Plant List:**

- New Mexican Privet (2)
- Waldborn Spruce (2)
- Karl Foerster Grass (3)
- Russian Sage (3)
- Blue Chip Juniper (2)
- Blonde Ambition Blue Grama (4)
- Moonshine Yarrow (3)
- Variegated Iris (8)
- Prairie Winecups (7)
- Crystal River Creeping Veronica (12)
- Daffodils (12)

**A Little at a Time**

The “A Little at a Time” template is great for moving in an existing edging line and reducing your grass in phases.

- Remove existing sprinklers
- Move existing sprinklers
- Install new sprinklers
- Internal sprinklers may need to be moved and adjusted for new layout
- Check nozzle size on existing sprinklers to see if new nozzles are needed
- Move & adjust sprinklers for new edging line
- Remove existing grass, add compost & till soil before installing new plants
- Boulder

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**Scale 1/8” on plant = 1” in landscape**