

Convert Turf Grass to Green Space

Try the following steps to convert your turf grass areas into low maintenance green space:

1. In the fall or early spring, kill the existing turf grass and unwanted vegetation with an herbicide or by covering it with black plastic or layered newspapers for several months.
2. Test the soil and make changes according to recommendations by the local Kansas State Research and Extension office, 913-299-9300.
3. Research the type of native plants and forbs best suited for your geographic location.
4. Lay out paths and garden design.
5. Plant seeds and/or plants. Water well the first couple of weeks to prevent the plants from drying out and dying.
6. Weeds may be carefully spot treated or cut off at ground level. Try not to disturb the soil, as this may promote weed growth.
7. Enjoy and maintain as needed.

Converting turf grass to green space is a process. While immediate progress may be seen, it may take a few years before the area becomes established and displays its full benefits.