

# Don't break your back! Remove Lawn More Easily

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## 3 Easy Steps

To remove lawn, which has little wildlife value (green desert) for garden space, here's how we did it. There are photos from our yard project below.

1. Overlap 6-10 layers newspaper with soy ink (not the shiny color advertisement sections) and wet thoroughly
2. Cover with 4-6" triple-shredded hardwood mulch or dirt for 4-6 weeks, then plant directly through mulch and newspaper
3. If you do this in fall, the newspaper should break down before spring planting



Before

Put newspaper over lawn and covered that with mulch, flagstones and rocks in fall



After

The following spring, planted flowers and added garden statues

## Learn More

- Ohio Nature Information: Website: [www.backyardhabitat.info](http://www.backyardhabitat.info)
- Wildlife-Friendly yard tips and certification: [www.nwf.org/gardenforwildlife](http://www.nwf.org/gardenforwildlife)
- Ohio Invasive Plants Council [www.oipc.info](http://www.oipc.info)