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No Lawns Wiki

Welcome to r/NoLawns! We are a community devoted to alternatives to monoculture lawns, with an emphasis on native plants and conservation. Rain gardens, xeriscaping, strolling gardens, native plants, and much more!

*Please message the mods if you have good resources to add to the wiki.

1. The Learning Center

[Check out The Learning Center](#) to learn all about the No Lawns movement! Learn about:

- [The problem with lawns](#)
- [Find Resources](#)
- [Native Plant Resources by country](#)
- [Learn how to begin](#)
- [Ground Covers & Lawn Alternatives](#)
- [Designing a No Lawn](#)

2. Posting Guidelines

2.1 Rules

1. If you're posting an image, we want to see the yard. Pictures that are mostly background or not related to the subreddit will result in your post being removed.
2. If you're posting an image of a house that is not yours, do not include identifying features. We don't want to see house numbers or street names.
3. Post factual information. A source is not necessary but please be ready to provide one if asked, we don't want to misinform others.
4. Images should include a description unless tagged as a meme.
5. Any news articles/blog posts being posted are required to contain the link. If you post a news article title and/or picture without the link, it will be removed.
6. Simply posting areas of overgrown invasive species is not in the spirit of the sub. Spreading false information or disregarding information regarding invasive species can result in the removal of your post or comment.
7. Posts and comments can be removed if they are not in the spirit of the sub. This is at the moderator's discretion.

2.2 Crossposts

Crossposts are allowed, but they need to fit the spirit of the sub. Crossposting to complain about what someone else has done with a piece of land does not fit the spirit of the sub. We want to see positive transformations here, not just a sea of lawns and lost potential. In general, if the crosspost:

1. Is a cool example of a no-lawn
2. or fosters relevant discussion
3. and hasn't already been posted here.

It'll be allowed.

2.3 Posting for Help

1. Be as to the point as possible in your title.
2. Please include as much information as possible in your post.
 - a. Include your location or as close as you can get
 - b. Include your zone
 - c. Include what plants you want or are asking about
 - d. Include any issues you may have such as space and/or shade
 - e. Include anything you want to accomplish such as pollinator-friendly or food growing
 - f. Include any other details that may help us answer your question
3. Please do not dox yourself, share your house number, google links or any other verifiable information that could reveal who you are or where you live.

2.4 These are not rules however, they are recommended:

- Give plenty of info, more information is generally better than not enough.
- Respond to comments, some people may have additional questions.
- Include photos when relevant
- Include anything you've already tried. Did you try a certain plant in a certain location and it failed? Include it so we can help
- Include any rules you may have to work within. Do you have an HOA or a very lawn-involved city government? Let us know the rules so we can work within them.

2.5 Make your Post Engaging

- Instead of posting: "What Should I do with my Lawn?" Try: "I have a lawn with these features but I would like to go no lawn and get these features"
- Instead of posting: "How do I start?" Try: "I've read about sheet mulching to begin my transition, what else would benefit my no-lawn process?"

2.6 Posting Images

- Posting an image for help, please post multiple pictures from all angles and explain the space if it's not well represented by the images
- Please do not post google images or aerial views of anyone else's property these posts may be removed.
- Please be careful posting google images or aerial views of your property. This is the internet, people may be able to find you in real life. Be safe.
- If you're dealing with a problem, take as many images as you need to properly display the issue and make the issue known. Also, include a great description.

- If you're showing something off, be aware of lighting and the time of day you take your photos. It's hard to tell how beautiful your garden is when it's half shadow and we can't see it.
- Try not to use photo filters if you're showing off a yard or asking for help. This may misrepresent your images and make it harder to give advice.

2.6 No Self Promotion/Company Promotion

Don't post here about your product or company - at all

- At the moment, we do not allow companies to promote themselves in this sub in any way. This includes blogs posted on a company website (i.e. a site that also sells products) and promotion by people not directly affiliated with the company. In general, it's pretty easy to distinguish users who are genuinely enthusiastic about a product from users who are trying to promote a brand. When it isn't clear, the burden of proof is on the user. You need to make it plausible to us that you're a regular user and not using the sub to increase exposure for a specific brand.
- This rule includes more than just posts and comments: Your username or flair cannot contain a product or company you're affiliated with or are likely to be affiliated with.
- Now, we will give you a warning when we see suspicious activity. So as long as you're a regular user and heed our warning, everything will be fine. This rule is simply there to prevent people from abusing this sub for advertising.

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