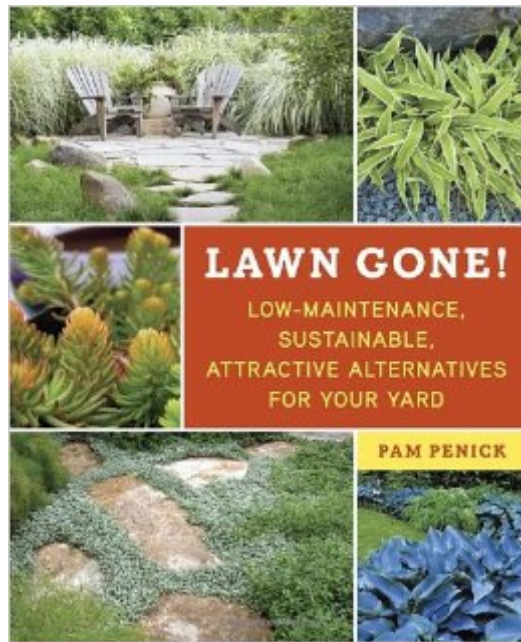


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# Lawn Gone!: Low-Maintenance, Sustainable, Attractive Alternatives For Your Yard



## Synopsis

A colorful guide covering the basics of replacing a traditional lawn with a wide variety of easy-care, no-mow, drought-tolerant, money-saving options that will appeal to today's busy, eco-conscious homeowner. Homeowners spend billions of hours—and dollars—watering, mowing, and maintaining their lawns. You don't have to be one of them. Free yourself with *Lawn Gone!*, a colorful, accessible guide to the basics of replacing a traditional lawn with a wide variety of easy-care, no-mow, low-water, money-saving options. It includes:

- alternative grasses that seldom (or never) need mowing
- drought-tolerant, eco-friendly landscapes
- regional plant recommendations for all parts of the country
- artificial turf that looks like the real thing
- step-by-step lawn-removal methods
- strategies for dealing with neighbors and HOAs
- ways to minimize your lawn if you're not ready to go all the way

Whether you're a beginner or expert gardener, green thumb or black, *Lawn Gone!* provides realistic choices, achievable plans, and simple instructions for renovating your yard from start to finish.

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While I love having a minimalist patch of organic lawn in my backyard for the cats and chickens to run around on, as a landscape designer I am thoroughly "over" using lawn as the default option. It takes more maintenance, fertilizer, and water than just about anything else in the landscape, yet it gives nothing back to wildlife, has little character, and in many cases, is nothing more than a sad-looking expanse for neighborhood dogs to decorate. I've never walked past a lawn and been

wowed. At best, lawn acts as a neutral space which helps to highlight the beauty of the landscaping around it. There's really no competition as to which I'd rather see: a lawn or any style of landscaped bed. Even the most pedestrian combinations of hardscape with plantings still draw my eye, make me think, and increase my feeling of connection to my neighborhood and to the natural world. That's why I am so excited about this new book. The author, Pam Penick, is a landscape designer in Texas who's written a complete design guide full of inspiring ideas and practical how-to for reducing or eliminating lawn in your front or back yard. She starts out by sharing a number of different possibilities for how you could re-landscape of garden area without using lawn. I mean, in most gardens lawn takes up a huge amount of space. What do you put there? Can you afford to make the change? Pam goes into the details of how to design with lawn alternatives such as no-mow grasses, groundcovers, and small perennials or shrubs, then delves into hardscaping such as patios and pathways. One of my favorite sections is the one on incorporating ponds, play spaces, and other fun features into your lawn-free landscape.

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