



Self-Guided Landscapes Tour

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Favorite Plant: Lavender (*Lavandula*)

Project Size / Amount of Grass

Removed: We landscaped both the front and backyard and removed approximately 1,400 square feet of grass.

Materials Used: We used a combination of plants, bark, ground cover, river rock, and flat stones.

What I like most about my updated landscape: It's like a painter's palette, the colors change when different plants bloom during the seasonal changes. It's more interesting and satisfying to work with plants and experiment with different plants than cutting and edging grass.



What I learned while completing my project: I

learned that there are a large variety of plants that can grow well, bloom and thrive in the Santa Clarita that only require a little watering.

Tips for someone considering updating their

landscape: To get ideas about what type of low-water landscape you like, drive around town and take pictures when you see a yard, business, or park that is attracted to you. Note the way plants are used and try to identify the plants you are attracted to you by going online or visiting nurseries. There are plenty of garden landscape sites to visit online, but going to nurseries and talking with knowledgeable staff is a fun way to see the plants up close and it allows you to talk with knowledgeable staff about what might grow best in your area.

Before



After



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Plant List



Salvia muelleri
Royal Purple Autumn Sage



Myoporum parvifolium 'Pink'
Pink Australian Racer
Photo credit: San Marcos Growers



Lavandula x intermedia 'Grosso'
Fat Bud French Lavender



Senecio barbetonicus
Lemon Bean Bush



Salvia microphylla 'Hot Lips'
Hot Lips Sage



Lantana x 'New Gold'
New Gold Lantana
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