

City of Manteca – Public Works Department
Kill Your Lawn and Haul it Away

The two most important things to know about killing your lawn are:

1. You must be certain the lawn is completely dead (and we mean really, really dead) before planting your new landscape, or your new landscape will be ruined.
2. Even after you plant your new landscape, new weeds will continue to establish themselves. You must remove these weeds as they emerge. If you are diligent and you keep the non-plant areas covered with mulch, then over time very few weeds will get established in your new landscape, making the weeding easy and keeping your landscape looking wonderful.

Tips for killing and getting rid of the old lawn, from people with successful L2G projects

- Give yourself plenty of time to kill the grass, at least 3 to 6 weeks, making sure it is dead.
- During the rainy season, it will be harder to kill the grass (especially grass that is dormant) and to haul it away (the soil will be heavier as it fills with rainwater).
- Some have found it easier to first remove all the grass, and then kill new shoots as they emerge from the soil.