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## **METROPOLITAN LAUNCHES DO-IT-YOURSELF GUIDE TO LAWN REMOVAL *Step-by-step video tutorials help Southern Californians replace their lawns with beautiful, sustainable gardens and get a rebate***

Metropolitan Water District is making it easier for Southern Californians to ditch their lawns and get up to \$10,000 in rebates with new, engaging videos featuring step-by-step guides to removing grass and laying the groundwork for beautiful and more sustainable yards.

[The animated videos](#), four to six minutes each, outline three ways to remove lawns – solarization, sheet mulching and sod removal. Residents can choose a method based on their grass type and the length of time and tools needed to perform the work. Many lawns can be removed by fall, the optimal season to plant a California native garden.

The videos are the latest resources in a suite of tools available at [bewaterwise.com](http://bewaterwise.com) to help residents and businesses in Metropolitan’s 5,200-square-mile service area tap into its \$2-per-square-foot turf replacement rebate. The content in the lawn removal videos also is available in easy-to-follow and print PDF format.

“There are so many reasons to get rid of your grass – beautifying your yard, conserving water, saving money, and helping Southern California respond to a changing climate,” said Metropolitan’s Water Efficiency Manager Bill McDonnell. “We want to make sure we’re helping residents as much as possible so they can successfully remove their lawn, navigate the rebate process and see the results they want.”

The first step to claiming a rebate is to click the [socialwatersmart.com link](http://socialwatersmart.com) on [bewaterwise.com](http://bewaterwise.com) to review program requirements and reserve funding. The site also features a step-by-step video showing residents and commercial business how to apply for and complete the rebate application. Additional how-to information is available at [bewaterwise.com](http://bewaterwise.com), including

California native gardening guides, a schedule of turf replacement and landscape training classes as well as numerous videos.

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*The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is a state-established cooperative that delivers water to 26 member agencies serving 19 million people in six counties. The district imports water from the Colorado River and Northern California to supplement local supplies, and helps develop increased water conservation, recycling, storage and other resource-management programs.*