



10-STEP BACKYARD REHAB

Overconsumption is a serious problem for many yards. Help your landscape curb its water habit and regain its vibrant, healthy life with this ten-step guide to backyard rehab.

#01

UNDERSTAND WHAT'S AT STAKE

More plants die from over-watering than from under-watering.

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RECOGNIZE THE TELLTALE SIGNS

If our plant leaves turn light green or yellow, or you notice algae or fungi growth, then your landscape is taking too much water.

#03

CUT OUT ALL THE BAD INFLUENCES

Weeds compete with your good plants for nutrients, light and water, so remember to weed your lawn and garden frequently.

#04

TAKE INVENTORY OF YOUR TOOLS, AND WHEN BROKEN, FIX THEM

Check sprinkler system valves for leaks to keep sprinkler heads in good shape.

#05

PRACTICE MODERATION IN ALL THINGS

Water needs change depending on the season. Adjust your irrigation timers to make sure you water deeply but infrequently.

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LIMIT YOUR EXCESSES

Avoid waterfalls and spray fountains. Opt instead for trickling or cascading features for your yard. These toptions lose less water to evaporation.

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LEARN WHEN TO LET GO

Allow your lawn to go dormant (brown) in the winter. Dormant grass only needs watering every three to four weeks.

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SEEK ASSISTANCE FROM ABOVE

Install gutters and downspouts to collect rainwater on your roof, then direct the runoff to plants and trees.

#09

FIND THE RIGHT BALANCE

Fertilizers help plants grow, but they also require more water. Apply the minimum amount of fertilizer necessary.

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CALL ON A POWERFUL SOURCE FOR KNOWLEDGE

Before you get started changing your landscape's habits, consider attending a landscape tclass hosted by a water provider to learn the basics.