

# 5 ECO-FRIENDLY LANDSCAPE DESIGN IDEAS FOR YOUR BACKYARD

## GET TO KNOW YOUR YARD

You'd be surprised how well you can save water and create an overall eco-friendly landscape simply by doing a little research. Get to know what areas of your yard get the most sunlight during different times of the year, what type of soil you have, and how well your soil tends to drain. This information will help you choose your plants more wisely and build a more optimal landscape.



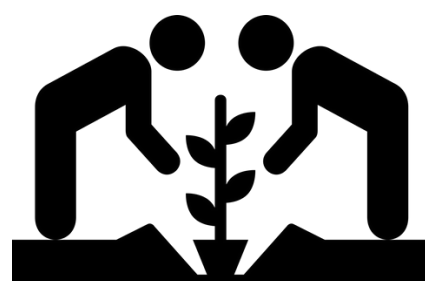
## GO NATIVE

Native plants can be beautiful, and they are already perfectly adapted to our sunny Mediterranean climate. Choose flowers, shrubs, ground cover and trees that are native to our region, or those that come from parts of the world with a similar climate, such as South Africa or parts of southern Europe and Australia. placeholder



## BUILD A PLANT COMMUNITY

Plants co-exist with one another in the wild as part of communities, or ecosystems. You can build your own mini-biome at home by pairing plants that would normally grow next to one another and by choosing a diverse range of different plants that will attract pollinators and support native wildlife.



## CHOOSE SUSTAINABLE HARDSCAPING

Solid concrete is a common choice for backyard paving, but it's not necessarily the most sustainable as it prevents water from flowing into the ground. Choose permeable pavers or consider using salvaged, recycled bricks or other hardscaping materials for a more eco-friendly approach.



## REPLACE GRASS WITH HIGH-QUALITY SYNTHETIC TURF

Perhaps the easiest way you can save water and money on your landscape design is to replace your water-intensive natural grass lawn with one made from high-quality synthetic turf. Not only will your yard look great, but you will also be doing your part to prevent water waste, especially during tough drought conditions.

