

## Making the Jump from Lawn to Landscape

Amy Schneider and her family live on a high profile, sunny corner off La Cumbre Road. Three years ago, her yard was a sprawling lawn that was, as she put it, 'sucking up a lot of water.' With a desire to be more water wise but also keep a beautiful yard and provide ample space for her children to play, she contacted the City of Santa Barbara about replacing her lawn.



"It wasn't that hard to make the change, and we were offered a great city rebate. We worked with a great landscape designer, Arianna Jansma Landscape Design, and it was a pretty simple process," explained Amy of her dealings with the City. Amy and family decided to make the jump.



Equipped with rebates and an array of resources, Amy transformed her yard from a heavily watered green lawn into a diversity of colors, shapes and contours - all water-thrifty yet stunning in presentation. Amy explained, "We've had many neighbors knock on our door asking about our new landscape. Someone even nominated us for the *Santa Barbara Beautiful Award*."

"I was surprised at how much I enjoyed the new landscape and how much my children enjoyed their new space." Weaving pathways, flowering shrubs, agaves and a few remnant trees transformed her yard and her home. Amy especially loves how different plants bloom at different times of the year, allowing for bursts of vibrant color almost 365 days a year.

Amy and her family have successfully transitioned into a water wise landscape that saves significantly on their monthly water bill while increasing their personal satisfaction with their property's appearance. Nearly three years after installation, Amy explained that their water bill has dropped 'significantly,' as her water conserving landscape matured, with even their drip irrigation requirements decreasing.



Standing contentedly in her front yard, Amy summed up her thoughts very simply, "...I just think it is beautiful."

If you are interested to learn more about how you can apply for a rebate to replace your lawn and install you own water wise landscape, please go to [SantaBarbaraCA.gov/WaterWise](http://SantaBarbaraCA.gov/WaterWise) or call 805-564-5460.

