Benefits of Sheet Mulching

- It doesn’t use chemicals to kill the lawn and it doesn’t add waste to the landfill.

- The cardboard smothers the grass and decomposes over time, providing nutrients to the native soil.

- Beneficial organisms remain unharmed in the original top soil.

- The mulch and compost layer help retain moisture, meaning that you will have to water less.

- CA Native and drought-tolerant gardens provide more benefits for the surrounding ecosystem and need 1/10 the amount of water than a lawn requires.

Optional

Irrigation lines can be installed in between Steps 4 & 5 OR hand-watering is an alternative option

Step 5
Add thick 4” layer of MULCH all around the newly planted yard, to ensure grass is smothered

Step 4
PLANT drought-tolerant shrubs and grasses on top of layers

Step 3
Add thick 4” layer of COMPOST and saturate area prior to planting

Step 2
Layer CARDBOARD, overlapping each piece about 12” with the other

Step 1
TRENCH the perimeter of the lawn conversion area to reduce run off

OUR CITY FOREST - LAWN BUSTERS