

1. When did you start working on your landscape?
We started working on our landscape in March of 2017.
2. What inspired/motivated you to re-do your landscape? How long did it take to complete your landscape?
My mother didn't like the high water bills, so my daughter suggested we plant a garden so we could grow our own vegetables. We finished all the garden boxes and fence in May of 2017.
3. Did you experience any set-backs or delays while working on your yard?
The setback we had was the city had us move the fence.
4. How would you describe your yard?
We would describe our yard as functional, fun, alive, and it brings joy.
5. Did you do it yourself, hired a professional, or a combination of both?
We did the landscape work ourselves.
6. What type of plants did you use? Did you have a design plan in mind when choosing plants?
We had no design plan. We wanted it to feel like it took us to another place we're we could forget the stresses of the day. We looked in the internet for some ideas to start with then made them our own. Our landscape uses plants that attract pollinators to our fruit and vegetable plants.
7. Did you use any rebates that the city offers? Did you take a landscaping class?
We did not use rebates and we did not take landscaping classes.
8. Do you have background experience in landscaping?
No we do not have a background in landscaping.
9. Does your landscape use any pesticides? If the answer is no, how do you fight against pests?
We use natural pesticides. We spray a mixture of soap and water for aphids and white flies and we hand remove cutworms.
10. How often do you water your yard? What system of irrigation do you use?
We water once a week when it is cooler weather and twice a week during warmer weather. We use a hoses with a bubbler or a spray nozzle and a watering can.
11. Does your landscape attract birds and/or beneficial insects? If so, what kind have you seen? What part of your landscape does wildlife seem the most attracted to?
Our landscape attracts bees, butterflies, ladybugs, praying mantis, finches, hummingbirds, and we have had a toad.

12. Did you have a budget set? Where you able to stay within that budget or did you go over/under?

We did not have a set budget but we tried to be aware of what we were spending.

13. Anything else you would like to share. This could include any advice or lesson's learned from working on your own yard that you would like to share.

We have learned that our landscape not only makes us happy but it makes people in our neighborhood happy. People will tell us as they walk or drive past how much they love our garden.