

Removing the Turf

Here are a few methods others have used to remove their lawn:

Sonoma Compost suggests **Sheet Mulching** as an environmentally friendly way to remove the lawn and not create waste.

A **Sod Cutter** can be rented to remove the turf. Most rental companies have them available and some residents have simply turned the cut sod over to minimize the waste.

Some residents have **Roto-tilled** the turf into the soil. This will not keep the lawn from re-growing, so maintenance will increase.

Mulch

Mulch is bark or wood chips that help retain moisture in the soil. The following are a few locations that offer mulch in large quantities:

Sonoma Compost Company at Central Disposal Site www.sonomacompost.com
550 Mechem Road, Petaluma
Daily 7-4. (707) 578-5459

United Forest Products
1051 Todd Road, Santa Rosa
(707) 585-6056

Sonoma Material
21040 Broadway, Sonoma
(707) 938-3243

This is not a complete list of locations offering mulch. **Check your local listings for other locations.**

Hiring Help

Qualified Water Efficient Landscapers (QWEL) are local landscape professionals that are making a positive impact towards reducing landscape water demand by becoming more water efficient in landscape design and maintenance. A list of QWEL certified professionals can be found at www.qweltraining.com.

Plant Material Tips

Adjustable drip emitters are a good tool to easily adjust the amount of water each plant receives.

Sonoma County Master Gardeners offer plant lists, tips and other helpful information. www.sonomamastergardeners.org

The **Water Wise Gardening CD For Sonoma and Marin Counties** is now available online. Visit www.sonomacountywater.org/water_conservation/ to utilize this tool.

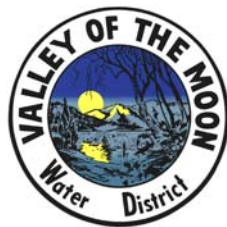
Sod/Soil Disposal Options

Sonoma Garbage Collectors
M-F 8-4:30 (707) 996-7555
Pick up and fee: call for quote.

Sonoma Compost Company at Central Disposal Site www.sonomacompost.com
550 Mechem Rd., Petaluma
Drop-off hours: Daily 7-4. (707) 578-5459
Sod with small amounts of soil only.

Global Materials Recovery Services
3899 Santa Rosa Ave., Santa Rosa
(707) 586-6666 or (707) 585-8246
M-Sa 7-5, Su 8-5.
Call for instructions.

Additional disposal options and locations may be available. Visit www.recyclenow.org to find additional disposal sites.



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No. 1 The Plaza
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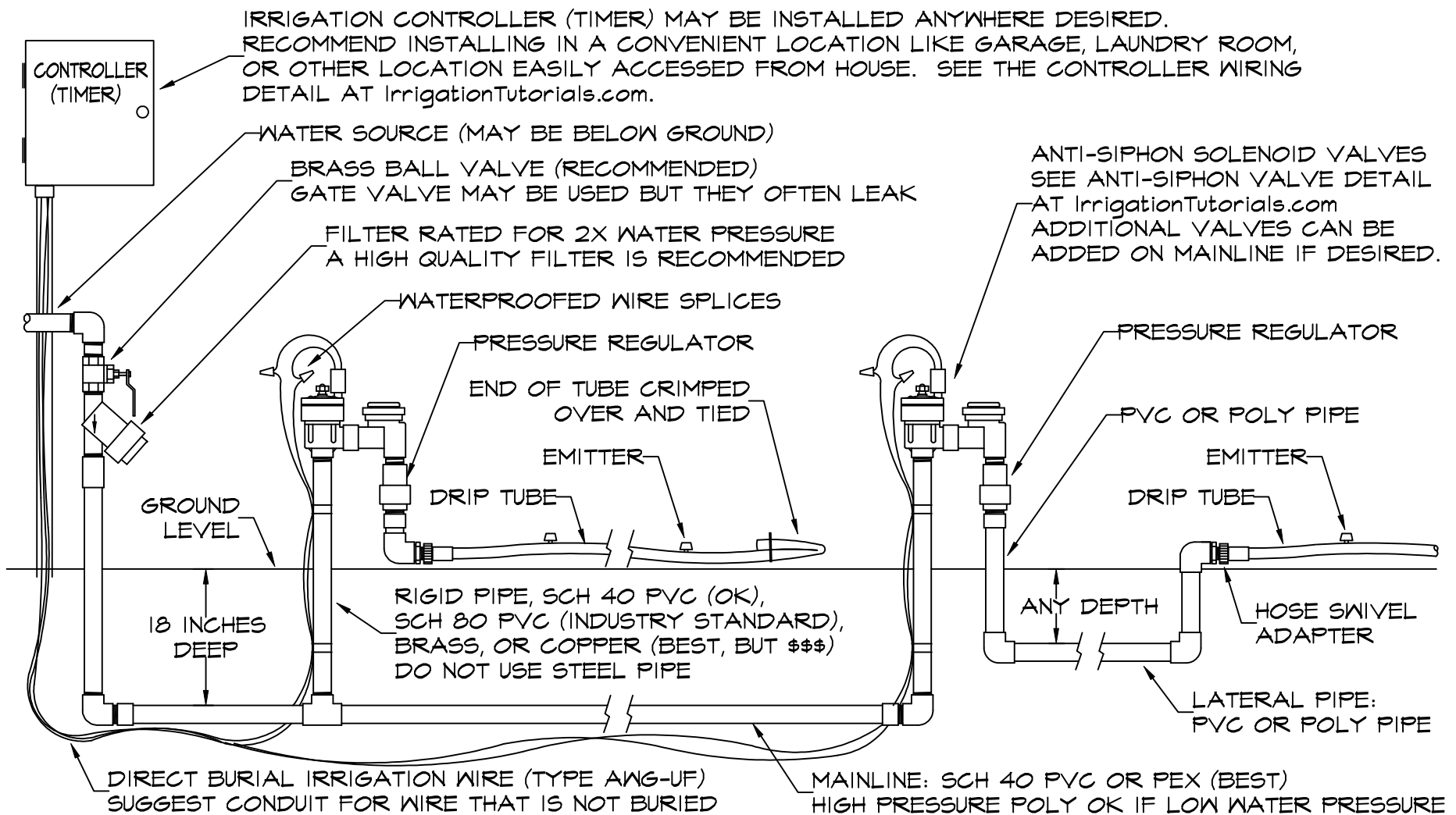
DIY Turf Removal & Drip Irrigation Installation

Tips on how to remove lawn, install a drip irrigation system and where to get help.



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(707) 933-2247

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(707) 996-1037



THIS DRAWING DEPICTS A TYPICAL HOMEOWNER DRIP IRRIGATION SYSTEM. SEE "DRIP GUIDELINES" AT IrrigationTutorials.com.

DO NOT USE GALV. STEEL OR STEEL PIPE AFTER FILTER AS IT WILL FLAKE OFF RUST INTO THE WATER & PLUG EMITTERS. BE SURE CONTROLLER ALLOWS VALVE CIRCUIT SETTINGS UP TO 60 MINUTES OF RUN TIME PER VALVE.

CONTROLLERS AND ANTI-SIPHON VALVES ARE THE SAME TYPE AS USED FOR SPRINKLER SYSTEMS. ANTI-SIPHON VALVES MUST BE AT LEAST 6 INCHES HIGHER THAN ANY OF THE EMITTERS. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE USE A REDUCED PRESSURE OR DOUBLE CHECK TYPE BACKFLOW PREVENTER WITH GLOBE VALVES. SEE THE BACKFLOW PREVENTER PAGE AT IrrigationTutorials.com FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

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DRIP SYSTEM WITH ANTI-SIPHON VALVES

Not to Scale