



April 28

Mow grasses
down close to the
soil.

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Cover area with heavy-weight white or clear sheet plastic (6 mil vapor barrier) and secure with landscaping pins.



May 11



Remove plastic. If areas are still green, keep them covered.

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Turn turf with tiller or shovel, breaking apart larger clumps.

Dead grasses will add organic matter to the soil.

May 19



Add any hardscape features.

May 23



Mulch!
Start with enough
mulch to cover area
3-4 inches deep



May 27

Layer area with newspaper, then cover with mulch.



June 15

Plant your waterwise perennials.

If using drip irrigation to get them started, now's the time to lay the small lines. Bury them in the mulch.



June 23

More hardscape options – garden edging walkways can have small plants between the stones.



June 26

Time to let
things grow.



The following spring