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Alternative Lawns - Pros & Cons

Wildflower matting can deliver an altogether different garden experience.

Wildflower matting reduces maintenance by around 90% and its appearance is really rather beautiful.

Sedum plants are far more drought tolerant than lawn grasses and they can delight all year round.

The only disadvantage with a sedum lawn is that it is not very hardwearing. Sedums won't tolerate frequent foot traffic and so are not suitable for children's play areas.

But they have a fascinating texture, very kind to the environment and are a magnet to pollinating insects.

Perfect grass alternatives for a front garden or for a sloping garden.

Enviromat sedum matting was developed for use on commercial green roofs because it is so self-sufficient. Maintenance consists of no more than applying a feed once a year and clearing away autumn leaves.

There is no mowing and no clippings to dispose of. Enviromat prefers to be in full sun on well-drained soil.

Using bark or woodchip as a groundcover or grass alternative is always good for the environment. You can't beat living plants for the benefits they bring but if plants are not for you, a bark mulch surface is an OK no grass lawn alternative.

Use weed control membrane beneath it and be prepared to pluck out an occasional opportunist plant.
Bark mulch drains well, nourishes soil microbes and makes a practical play surface for children and pets .

It also appeals to a wide range of minibeasts and will attract the birds who feed upon them.

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