

Lawn Removal Methods - Pros, Cons, Time, \$ Comparison

Type	Pro	Con	Time to Do*	Cost
Manual	Inexpensive	Labor Intensive	Days/Weeks	\$
Sod Cutter	Fast, if materials are hauled away, effective	Equipment rental, hauling, or leave on site to decompose	Hours	\$\$
Rototilling	Organic, improves soil biology eventually	Difficult on slopes, labor intensive, time constraints, compacts soil profile layers, breaks biology, releases carbon and weeds	Weeks	\$\$\$
Chemical	Effective in most cases, though short term only	Kills soil biology, soil & water pollution, labor intensive, time constraints	Weeks	\$\$\$
Solarization	No equipment or chemicals needed, relatively quick	Kills biology, not effective with all grasses/ weeds, effective only in summer, plastic waste	Months	\$
Sheet Mulching	Organic, improves soil biology	Difficult on slopes, labor intensive	Weeks	\$\$\$\$

*Time to do depends on site conditions, weed types, & a combination of methods.