

# Map Your Backyard Land Cover!

Let's make a land cover map. You can use your backyard, a park, or some other outdoor area. Watch out for roads, and choose an area with varied cover.

1. Mark off an area about 10 steps by 10 steps. Use normal steps—no baby steps, no super huge ones. If needed, use two steps for each square to cover a bit more ground.
2. As you move along, notice what's covering the ground. Do you see grass? Trees? Pavement? Water?
3. Move back over the land and carefully draw or write what the land cover looks like on the grid to the right.
4. Now, count how many squares are mostly covered in each of the land cover categories below.

### RESULTS

COVER	COUNT	PERCENTAGE
Grass	_____	
Flowers or plants	_____	
Trees, shrubs, or bushes	_____	
Rock or sand	_____	
Water	_____	
Concrete or pavement	_____	
