

# Unsealing cadastre - the first step towards green happiness

## Step 1

With the unsealing cadastre of the City of Hanau, you can see at a glance how much unsealing potential there is on your property. Please visit [www.klima.hanau.de](http://www.klima.hanau.de).

## Step 2

Are you interested in a greening project? Consult an expert free of charge. Where is the perfect location? Which greening measures are possible? Which plants are best suited?

## Step 3

Get ideas and impressions for diversity in the “Stadtgarten.Vielfalt.Hanau” at the “Umweltzentrum” (Hanau Environmental Center) in Philipp-August-Schleißner-Weg! Herb bed, “Wild corner”, prairie patch and much more invite you to follow the example.

## Step 4

Implement the greening measure and enjoy your newly acquired green happiness!

## Recipe “Green Sauce from your garden”

(for 4 portions):

- 1 bunch of green sauce herbs: curly parsley, chives, sorrel, borage, cress, chervil, burnet
- 2 boiled eggs
- 500 g sour cream
- 1 tbsp vinegar and oil
- salt, pepper

### Preparation:

Mix the herbs with the dairy products in a blender until a nice green color is achieved. Then add the chopped eggs and spices, season to taste and refrigerate for at least 2 hours. Serve with potatoes in the skin and hard-boiled eggs.

## A green front yard is not enough for you ...

... how about a green roof then?

You will find plenty of information and hints in the unsealing cadastre that will help you to easily identify whether your roof is suitable for greening. More information can be obtained at [www.klima.hanau.de](http://www.klima.hanau.de)



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# URBAN GREEN

rather than a

# GRAY CITY

**Tip:** If you are interested in **free on-site consultations** with experienced landscape architects as well as further free seed packets, please contact us!

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# Four good reasons for a green front yard

## 1. Cost savings

- Green and cooling “living space” that develops and becomes more and more beautiful over the years
- The unsealing of land reduces the sewage charges for precipitation water

## 2. Climate

- Improvement of the urban climate due to less heating in the summer
- Binding and filtering of air pollutants such as particulate matter
- Bindung of carbon dioxide and generation of oxygen

## 3. Nature conservation

- Promotion of biodiversity, as insects such as butterflies and bees find important food and habitat

## 4. Hydrologic balance

- Reduction of the flood risk and relief of the sewer network and the Hanau wastewater treatment plant
- Improved seepage of heavy rain with positive impact on ground water quality

## Insect food

Enclosed in this leaflet you will find a mixture of flowering plant seeds. This way anybody can contribute to more biodiverse flowering patches in front of their own door or on the balcony!



## Planting instructions

Sow in May and June in a sunny to semi-shaded location. To do so, break up or loosen the soil, distribute the seeds evenly, cover them with soil and press down. Do not forget to water during drought. Blooming period from June to October. Multiple sowings 2 to 3 weeks apart will provide a longer flowering period.



**“... but a gravel garden is much easier to maintain!”**

This may be true in the beginning. However, over time, leaves and dust collect on or between the gravel, on which weeds can grow. Maintenance then becomes very laborious!

**Tip:** If possible, avoid “double” flower varieties. From the point of view of pollinating insects, such double flowers are of no use, because there is no pollen to collect.



single flower



double flower

## Check your property for suitable areas, e.g.

- parking spaces, garage access
- paved and sealed front yard
- patios, terrace, barbecue areas
- laundry drying area, garbage can space
- entrance, staircase areas
- Garden paths

## Ground surfaces to be considered capable of seepage

unsealed surface: Lawn, meadow, perennial bed, planting areas, facade greening

Gravel lawn, bark mulch, gravel chippings, water-bound cover, lawn grid plate, honeycomb grass lawn lattice

Grass pavers, sod, pavers with wide lawn joint, planks and grates made of wood, paving allowing seepage

Interlocking paving, concrete paving, concrete slab

Asphalt surface, concrete surface