My hugelkultur trial will start soon as it is definitely more environmentally friendly to utilize the wood debris that I encounter in my gardening maintenance than putting it in the green bins. Plus, I love the look of rounded hills in landscapes.
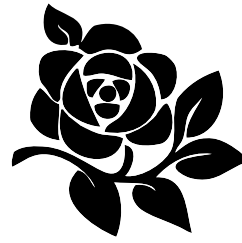
Another exciting discovery was a lawn seed that claims to "seldom or never need water or fertilizer once established." This seed is an all-natural product with 100 percent native and adaptive grasses, no genetically modified seed, and 99.9 percent weed free – a result of 10 years of product research and testing. I have ordered it for my lawns and as soon as I know the results, I'll be reporting it to you. Stay tuned.

As we drive around our neighborhoods we notice that most lawns are brown and the surrounding landscapes look dull and dry. Maintaining a beautiful, productive, verdant garden is becoming more complicated as our water bills continue to escalate even though we are consuming less than in previous years.

A hugel is born with logs, branches, and twigs.