



Why YardScape?

A healthy, natural lawn is more resistant to weeds, bugs, disease and drought!

Do you want a lush green lawn safe for kids and pets?

- Children take in more pesticides relative to body weight than adults¹.
- Some studies have found that dogs exposed to lawn pesticides were more likely to be diagnosed with bladder cancer².
- Pesticides and herbicides are designed to be toxic. Just because they can be bought at a store doesn't mean they're safe.
- Fertilizers are often used improperly. This wastes money and pollutes our waters.
- YardScaping will help you reduce the use of fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.

Follow these six easy steps:

- 1. Mow better.** Set mower blades at 3-inches for vigorous roots and to shade out weeds.
- 2. Let the clippings lie.** Clippings are high-quality, low-cost fertilizer.
- 3. Fertilize?** Lawns older than 10 years need only clippings. Younger lawns need nitrogen. Look for 10-0-0 on the bag.
- 4. Got weeds?** Liberally apply perennial ryegrass seed all season long.
- 5. Got bugs?** Overseed with insect resistant fescue grasses or use beneficial nematodes, fungi or bacteria.
- 6. Water wisely.** If needed, water once or twice a week with a deep soaking (1-1.5 inches).

¹<http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/food/pest.htm>.

²Glickman et al., 2004. *Herbicide Exposure and the Risks of Transitional Cell Carcinoma of the Urinary Bladder in Scottish Terrier Dogs*, Journal of the American Veterinary Medicine Association.

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