YardScaping Workshop
FREE

Healthy Lawn Care Class

Weed & bug killers can harm kids and pets, and fertilizers can pollute our water. Join your neighbors and discover how to build healthy soil to grow a beautiful lawn without weed and bug killers and with reduced use of fertilizer!

Date: Thursday, September 13th

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Location: Yarmouth Water District
181 Sligo Road
Yarmouth, ME 04096

Cost: FREE!

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Whether you maintain your own lawn or hire a professional, this class is for you!

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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 adults[1].
- Some studies have found that dogs exposed to lawn pesticides were more likely to be diagnosed with bladder cancer[2].
- Weed & bug killers are designed to be toxic. Just because they can be bought at a store doesn't mean they're safe.
- Fertilizers are often used unnecessarily. This wastes money and pollutes our waters.
- YardScaping will help you reduce the use of fertilizers and weed & bug killers

[1] http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/food/pest.htm.
[2] Glickman 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.

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? Fertilize in the fall, if at all! Lawns older than 10 years need only clippings. Younger lawns need nitrogen. Look for 10–0–0 slow release fertilizers.

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).

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