



Why YardScape?

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

When you YardScape, you are:

- **Saving** money, time, and effort!
- **Creating** and maintaining a healthy yard that's safe for children, pets, and the environment.
- **Reducing** the use of fertilizers and eliminating your use of weed & bug killers.
- **Planting** smart by selecting native or native-friendly plants and placing them where they want to grow.
- **Protecting** our water! Yard care products like fertilizers and pesticides can enter water and make it unsafe to drink, fish, and swim in.



Follow these seven easy steps:

- 1. Mow better.** Cut high (3 inches) for strong roots and to shade out weeds. Leave clippings behind for a natural source of nutrients.
- 2. Test your soil.** Before applying fertilizers or lime, check how much it needs (if any).
- 3. Build your soil.** Aerate and topdress your lawn with compost.
- 4. Add new grass.** Overseed with native shade-tolerant grass varieties (fescues and perennial ryegrasses).
- 5. Feed your lawn.** Follow the recommendations from your soil test to give your lawn exactly what it needs. 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.
- 6. Got pests?** Overseed with insect-resistant fescue grasses or use beneficial nematodes, fungi, or bacteria.
- 7. Water wisely.** If needed, water deeply once or twice a week (1-1.5 inches).

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