



# YARD SMART CERTIFICATION

## Easy on the Earth

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### **THE EASY ON THE EARTH YARD**

Homeowners with Easy on the Earth Yards use organic practices that reduce waste and conserve natural resources like water and fossil fuels. Homeowners minimize lawn areas and promote a healthy, diverse ecosystem in their yard. In the event synthetic pesticides are needed, homeowners practice the Integrated Pest Management Approach with use of the least toxic pesticides as a last resort.

**Waste Reduction:** Techniques to reduce, reuse, or recycle our natural resources. (Minimum requirement: 2)

- Composting
- Vermicomposting
- Reusing/Recycling Product and Nursery Packaging
- Using Recycled Content Materials in Landscaping or Garden Amenities
- Borrowing or Renting Rarely-Used Equipment

**Water Conservation:** Techniques to reduce water use and slow stormwater runoff. (Minimum requirement: 3)

- Capturing Water from Roof in a Rain Barrel for Watering
- Watering During Cool Times of Day
- Using Drip Irrigation or Soaker Hose
- Using Porous Paving Materials
- Mulching Gardens and Around Trees
- Reducing Lawn (Grass) Area
- Planting a Native Prairie Area
- Xeriscaping with Plants Adapted to Low Water Conditions

**Energy Use:** Reduce dependence on fossil fuels; ultimately reduces air pollution. (Minimum requirement: 2)

- Minimal or No Mowing
- Using an Electric or Reel Mower
- Using Other Electric or Human-Powered Tools
- Minimal or No Use of Fertilizers or Pesticides (Includes Herbicides and Fungicides)
- Encouraging Pest Predators with Integrated Pest Management Techniques
- Manually Removing Invasive Plant Species
- Planting Trees for Shade or Wind Break to Lower Home Energy Needs

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