

Further Resources

Factsheet

There are plenty of places for further resources on the topic of lawn and landscape management. Here are just a few of the many resources out there including information on native plants, landscaping, backyard biodiversity, and least toxic controls of pests.

Additionally, Beyond Pesticides' website covers many questions regarding the hazards of lawn care, ways to engage in lawn care change, alternative factsheets for pests, information on ordering safe lawn door hangars, finding local groups, finding least-toxic service providers. Related to pesticides the site also contain resources on the impacts of pesticides on human health and the environment through its Pesticide Gateway, the Pesticide-Induced Diseases Database, pesticides in schools, pesticides in hospitals, pesticides on golf courses, invasive weed management, mosquito and insect-borne diseases, organic agriculture, pollinators and pesticides, and water contamination. Beyond Pesticides also creates a quarterly publication, *Pesticides and You*, which along with the Daily News informs people on important and current information regarding pesticides. See more at www.beyondpesticides.org.

Organic Landscape and Lawn Care Providers

- [Complete Lawn Care](#)'s mission statement is to "protect our environmental through proven, holistic lawn care solutions that enhance the interrelationships between the plants, the planet, and the people."
Complete Lawn Care | info@growinglawns.com | 301-948-5069
PO Box 5147 | Laytonsville, MD 20882
- [NaturaLawn of Prince George's County](#) provides natural alternatives to chemical lawn care, with natural organic-based lawn care products, soil testing, and provides nationally recognized Integrated Pest Management lawn care programs.
NaturaLawn of Prince George's County | 301-352-7884
5042 Church Rd. | Bowie, MD 20728
- [NuLeaf Organic Lawn Care](#) provides organic-based lawn care services that are "safe for our family and pets to enjoy, a landscape free of pesticides and synthetic chemicals."
info@nuleafco.com | 703-989-9405
PO Box 2996 | Merrifield, VA 2216
- [SavATree](#) provides environmentally sensitive tree, shrub, and lawn care programs. They have a team of arborists and horticulturalists that design and customize tree and lawn care programs. They only use fertilizer ingredients reviewed by the Organic Materials Review Institute.
SavATree | rockville@savatree.com | 301-545-1712
1057 First St. | Rockville, MD 20850

Plant Nurseries and Landscaping Resources

- Native plant nurseries in Maryland www.mdflora.org/publications/nurseries.html
- BayScapes Program includes links to references, nurseries, and more: www.chesapeakebay.fws.gov/BayScapes.htm
- Old Takoma Ace Hardware stocks all the requirements in [The Well-Stocked Toolshed Factsheet](#), including mowers, seeders, shovels, rakes, wheel barrows, aerators, moisture meters, sprinklers, hoses, and dethatching rakes. <http://www.acehardware.com/mystore/index.jsp?store=15073&cid=localstore15073>
- Audubon At Home provides information on how to promote healthy yards for birds and wildlife, neighborhood conservation effort, information on invasive species, conserving water, and native plants. www.audubonathome.org
- Maryland Bay-Wise Program is a homeowner education program that has publications on home landscape best management practices, and publications on landscapes, vegetable gardens, lawns, and pest management strategies. <http://www.baywise.umd.edu/>
- Environmental Protection Agency's Green Landscaping with Native Plants provides information on landscaping with native forest, prairie, and wetland plants with information on gardening for pollinators. www.epa.gov/greenacres
- Maryland Home and Garden Information Center (MD Cooperative Extension) provides an extensive guide on Maryland lawn and landscape problems and solutions. They also have a hotline for any questions Maryland residents may have: www.hgic.umd.edu

Composting

- Beyond Pesticides, Compost is the Key to Successful Plant Management provides a step-by-step guide on how to start composting <http://beyondpesticides.org/infoservices/pesticidesandyou/Fall%2007/compost.pdf> Maryland
- Department of the Environment, Compost provides local news, general updates, and information on composting in Maryland. <http://www.mde.state.md.us/programs/Land/RecyclingandOperationsprogram/SpecialProjects/Pages/programs/landprograms/recycling/specialprojects/composting.aspx>
- Montgomery County, Division of Solid Waste Services provides information on how to start composting and resources for getting your own compost set up in the county <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/swstmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/solidwaste/yardtrim/composting/index.asp>
- University of Maryland Extension, Backyard Composting provides information on passive or active composting, temperature controls for composting, sheet or trench composting, and other technical details for those that have already begun composting <https://extension.umd.edu/mg/locations/composting>
- Virginia Cooperative Extension, Mid-Atlantic Composting Directory, lists all of the composting facilities in the region. <http://pubs.ext.vt.edu/452/452-230/452-230.html>

Lawn Care and Watering

- Read your “Weeds” - A Simple Guide to Creating a Healthy Lawn <http://beyondpesticides.org/pesticidefreelawns/resources/Read%20Your%20Weeds-Organic%20Lawns.pdf>
- Organic Lawn Care 101 <http://beyondpesticides.org/lawn/documents/OrganicFallLawn101.pdf>

- Lawn Mowers and Leaf Piles
<http://www.beyondpesticides.org/infoservices/pesticidesandyou/Summer%2000/Lawn%20Mowers%20and%20Leaf%20Piles.pdf>
- Least-toxic Control of Weeds
<http://www.beyondpesticides.org/alternatives/factsheets/Least%20toxic%20control%20of%20weeds.pdf>
- 8 Steps to a Toxic Free Lawn http://www.beyondpesticides.org/alternatives/factsheets/Least-toxic%20Lawn%20Care_05.pdf
- Lowenfels, J., and Lewis W. 2010. *Teaming with Microbes: The Organic Gardener's Guide to Soil Food Web*. Timberland Press: Portland.
- Lawns & the Chesapeake Bay: <http://extension.umd.edu/publications/PDFs/FS702.pdf>

Least Toxic Controls of Pests

- Beyond Pesticides' Alternatives website contains factsheet on least-toxic control of problematic lawn, landscape, as well as interior structural pests. Some of these pests include, outdoor ants, bagworms, carpenter bees, chinch bugs, grubs, gypsy moths, mosquitos, snails, slugs, ticks and more. <http://beyondpesticides.org/alternatives/factsheets/index.php>