

GRASSKEEPERS LANDSCAPING, INC.™

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Grasskeepers Landscaping Inc. is part of an industry where "green" is a matter of common practice; however we strive to exceed the expectations of our customers in this area.

From our strategic placement of plant material in a landscape project, to our efforts to recycle all materials removed from a work site, we have in our best interest the environment and its future sustainability.

One of the most important contributions of plants to the environment is the production of oxygen and the absorption of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere as a result of photosynthesis. That is why Grasskeepers Landscaping is making every effort to contribute to the positive effects on the environment through our daily operations.

Some of our policies are outlined below:

I. Storm Water Management

Landscaping activities can be major contributors to storm water pollution. Soil, fertilizers, pesticides, and yard clippings get washed into the storm water system and make their way to our rivers. Even mowing and removing trees and vegetation can be detrimental to the local habitat if done in riverbank areas. Grasskeepers Landscaping plans ahead for storm water management by thoroughly surveying and inspecting work sites and their environments prior to commencing work.

II. Natural Landscaping

One of the best ways to prevent pollution from a lawn is to consider natural landscaping, sometimes called ecoscapes, naturescaping or greenscapes (and also saves time and money).

Natural landscaping is landscaping that allows people and nature to coexist by maintaining tree canopies and incorporating native plants into landscaping. Tree canopies slow rainfall and reduce erosion while their roots enhance water quality and also reduce erosion plus they improve air quality.

Native plants resist pests, insects and are drought tolerant because they are adapted to our area. By incorporating native plants into your facility, you attract helpful insects and birds, require less insecticide, fertilizer, and watering, and therefore reduce the amount of runoff and amount of pollutants that enter local rivers and streams.

Natural landscapes are also easier to maintain than traditional landscaping. Importing exotic flowers, trees, and grasses to grow where they are not

supposed to requires a lot of water, energy, and chemicals. Becton Dickenson, located in Bergen County, New Jersey, is a great example of a campus that uses and promotes natural landscaping.

III. Additional measures:

Grasskeepers plans landscaping activities when rain is not in the forecast and cleans up all disturbed soil before it rains.

Our landscape crews do not blow, sweep, or hose soil, leaves, or clippings into the street, gutter, or storm drains. Rather, clippings are gathered and compost piles are created or they are disposed of in an approved facility that recycles the materials. Waste is collected and disposed of in biodegradable, environment-friendly bags.

Fertilizers and pesticides are applied only when necessary and within the guidelines set forth by the manufacturer. Chemicals are never applied during or before rain showers or storms.

Green policies have been implemented inside the Grasskeepers Landscaping office. All paper, plastic and glass waste is collected and recycled. Recyclable office products created from recycled materials are purchased whenever possible. Recently, customers have been notified of the option to receive their invoices and correspondence via e-mail, thus reducing our needs for paper and saving trees.



At Grasskeepers Landscaping, not only are our shirts green, but so is our staff! We strive both in the field and in our offices to contribute to the green initiative.

Our Green Practices

- ❖ Recycle all plastic pots from projects ❖
- ❖ Make every effort to reduce fuel emissions & costs ❖
 - ❖ Offer organic lawn treatment ❖
- ❖ Recycle all compostable debris (limbs, clippings etc.) ❖
- ❖ Use hard debris used for erosion control (stone, concrete, etc.) ❖
- ❖ Design landscapes for optimal sustainability & energy savings ❖
 - ❖ Offer e-billing, saving on paper usage ❖
 - ❖ Encourage use of mulch to retain soil moisture ❖
- ❖ Keep power tools well tuned for efficient performance ❖



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Please feel free to contact our office for additional information.

