



Show-Me Yards & Neighborhoods

Lawn Care Professionals Certification Program

The following companies, institutions, and organizations have completed the Show-Me Yards & Neighborhoods Lawn Care Professionals Certification Program and are committed to protecting the environment with their products and services and, further, are committed to educating their customers and members in the use of environmentally sound lawn care practices.



COMPANY NAME	PHONE	INDIVIDUAL NAME
A & B Irrigation & Lawn	732-LAWN (5296)	Beau Davis
All Service Lawn & Garden	882-4543	David Lowry
ArborCare of the Ozarks LLC	833-8733	Kevin Harrel
Baptist Bible College	268-6026	Jeffrey Wohlfort
Beautiful Days Landscaping Services	849-0314	Seth Entwisle
Bradfield Organics	882-1442	Bob Scott
City of Springfield Public Works Operations	864-1417	Michael Leffler
City of Springfield Public Works Department	864-1954	Joseph Payne
Cochran Lawn Care	881-5413	Dennis Cochran/Ryan Lair
Contractor Support Services	863-1430	Kevin Bowerman
Drury University	873-7219	Curtis Dewitt
Elite Lawn & Landscaping LLC	827-0272	Rex Starkey, JR
Fulpower Interprise	833-8425	Scott Fuller
Gregg Larsen Landscaping, Inc.	889-4285	Gregg Larsen
Headland Landscape Architecture	766-3319	Guy Headland
John Q. Hammons Hotels	576-3400	Robert Balek
Lake Country Lawn Care	209-5904	Adam Brown
Mac's Lawn Care	848-7336	Dennis McElderry
Meadowgreen of Springfield	882-6286	Nick Miller
Missouri Department of Agriculture	587-3607	Casey Jo Kellner
Missouri State University	836-5963	
Naturescape Design	512-299-3134	Robert Dodsworth
Netzer Farms	689-3627	Kelly G. Netzer
New Growth Landscaping	496-9340	Rick Orr
Ozark Technical Community College	895-7000	Cathie Lehman
Ozark Greenways	864-2015	Terry Whaley
Ozark Native Plant Works LLC	369-6102	Frank J. Reynolds, Jr
P & K Irrigation LLC	823-8900	Nick Kipf / Brian Kipf
Perfect Touch Landscapes	350-6722	Alexander Pugach
Prestige Lawn & Landscape	724-0258	Gary Chism
Professional Landscape Services	725-2203	Greg R. Colboch
Pruners Tree & Shrub	880-0411	Matthew Lair/Jacob Lair
Reichard Tree Service	569-4026	Darin Reichard
Residential Enhancements	343-3981	Seth James/Matt Gann
Shay's Lawn Mowing	619-3092	Shay McEldessy
Smiling Suns LLC	343-3916	Paul Robertson/Paul Armstrong/ Larry Mulligan
Springfield R-12 Schools	523-0451	Larry Shockley, SR/Winfield J. Eddington
Springfield/Greene County Parks Department	864-1127	Cody Allen/Richard "Ric" Mayer/ Michael D. Mills/Chris Kirby/William Mullins/Michael Lamkin/Ben Kellner
Springfield/Greene County Parks/JVP	837-5767	Lauren Craker/Daniel Gummill
Stump Jumper	865-JUMP (5867)	Candace Fruge/Christopher L. Mitstifer
Town & Country Lawn Service	773-4819	Ed & Carey Kennon
Unique Yard Concepts	881-9273	Joseph Fearn
Watkins Designs Plus, Inc	889-1411	Keith Hutchins/Rick Jean
Wild Wood Landscape and Design	882-4655	Thomas J. VanDenHandel/Marty McCollum
Woody's Landscape & Maintenance	619-7952	Timothy "Woody" Wells

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KNOW WHAT TO ASK A LAWN-CARE COMPANY

Working with a lawn-care company

If you select and work with a lawn-care company that will use pesticides and fertilizers to maintain your lawn, keep these points in mind:

Make sure the Lawn-care Company has a state license for the application of pesticides.

If you prefer minimal use of synthetic pesticides, ask the company about the alternatives they provide.

When you hire a lawn-care company, you are hiring a service. Companies should be able to respond within forty-eight hours of most requests.

When you hire a lawn-care company, you enter a partnership. Don't expect the company to do 100% of the work. For a lawn management program to work, you must mow and water according to recommendations.

Make sure the company evaluates the lawn and prepares a management plan for you ahead of time. Also, be aware that some companies may suggest more applications than they are really necessary. To obtain a typical lawn-care schedule for your area, contact your nearest Cooperative Extension Service Office.

Make sure the company tells you ahead of time when applications will be made. They should give you prior warning so you can clear the yard of toys, grills, pets, and other items.

Ask the applicators which problem they can control and which they cannot. The company should also give you information about managing the lawn. For instance, some pesticide applications will not work unless you follow them with a thorough watering.

Ask the company which chemicals they plan to apply. If you wish, they should also be willing to show you a label for each of the chemicals.

Some companies may have many customers and only a small number of applicators, do they cannot promise that every customer will receive service on the optimum date for certain pesticides and fertilizer applications. Find out how close your application will be to the optimum date.

Stay off a treated lawn until chemicals have dried on the foliage. If you feel more comfortable waiting even longer, then do so. Most lawn-care companies will post signs indicating that chemicals have been applied; the sign will also indicate how long you need to stay off the lawn.

What about Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and Organic Programs

Lawn-care companies have traditionally relied on preventative applications, such as putting down chemicals before a pest problem arises. These applications, often made according to calendar schedule, act as a form of pest-control "insurance". The drawback is that some of the chemical applications may be unnecessary.

One alternative is a combination of natural and chemical controls such as Integrated Pest Management Programs.

Another alternative is to look for a company that checks for pest problems and applies chemicals only when the potential exists for unacceptable levels of damage.

Also, some lawn-care companies provide quite effective programs in which they apply organic fertilizers and pest controls. Organic programs focus on improving soil health and long term benefits. Some benefits include increasing the soil's water holding capabilities, thereby reducing run-off. Innovative products derived from natural materials now include preemergents, fertilizers, safe pesticides and safe weed killers.