



**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.



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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.