



Department of  
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To learn more about organic landscape care and the Be Green Organic Yards NY program, visit the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's website [www.dec.ny.gov/public/65071.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/65071.html), or ask your Be Green Organic Yards NY business representative.



**New York State's Be Green Organic Yards NY program means you'll have peace of mind knowing that your lawn is a healthier place for you, your family, your pets, and the environment.**

The Be Green program is not a license to provide organic landscape care or license to apply pesticides. It is only a service mark agreement that a business enters into with DEC, agreeing to use only recognized organic methods and products when using the Be Green Organic Yards NY service mark. A business can provide organic landscape care without participating in the Be Green program, but when consumers see the Be Green service mark, they can be assured that the business they hire will use only recognized organic practices. Find a list of Be Green businesses in your area at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/65354.html>. For questions about the Be Green program, call 518-402-8727 or email DEC at [begreen@dec.ny.gov](mailto:begreen@dec.ny.gov).

**Organic Landscaping Services for Homeowners**  
A beautiful landscape without synthetic chemicals

Look for the Be Green service mark





**The organic approach focuses largely on preventing problems by creating a sustainable landscape.**

Businesses that participate in the Be Green Organic Yards NY program have agreed not to use synthetic fertilizers or pesticides when taking care of your lawn, plants and trees. Only products and methods that meet the program's conditions for organic landscape care may be used.

**Green landscaping includes services such as:**

- Selecting pest-resistant plants
- Overseeding to build dense, pest-resistant turf
- Improving soil aeration and drainage
- Using compost to improve soil fertility and structure
- Managing pests with mechanical or biological means

## WEB RESOURCES

Green Lawns and Gardens:  
[www.dec.ny.gov/public/44290.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/44290.html)

Landscaping with Native Plants:  
[www.epa.gov/greenacres/](http://www.epa.gov/greenacres/)

Lawn Care without Pesticides:  
[www.nysipm.cornell.edu/publications/lawn\\_care/](http://www.nysipm.cornell.edu/publications/lawn_care/)

Cornell Turfgrass Program:  
[www.hort.cornell.edu/turf/](http://www.hort.cornell.edu/turf/)

Minimum Risk Pesticides:  
[www.epa.gov/pesticides/biopesticides/regtools/25b\\_list.htm](http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/biopesticides/regtools/25b_list.htm)

Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA):  
[www.organiclandcare.net/](http://www.organiclandcare.net/)

Grassroots Environmental Education:  
[grassrootsinfo.org/ghlpindex.html](http://grassrootsinfo.org/ghlpindex.html)

