



HEALTHY LAWN CARE PROGRAM FOR WATERSHED PROTECTION

The Healthy Lawn Care Program for Environmental Protection is a sound lawn care program participating companies can offer to their clients.

The purpose of the Healthy Lawn Care Program for Environmental Protection is to identify lawn care companies that offer environmentally sound programs and provide consumers with a "choice" to use their programs. This program does not limit participants from providing traditional applications. It simply gives consumers a choice

and confidence that the applicator is following certain practices outlined by the program to protect environmental quality.

Participating companies will be promoted to private & public lawn care markets as Endorsed Healthy Lawn Care Program providers. Lakefront communities as well as the other participating environmental/watershed organizations will provide information to residents about the Healthy Lawn Care Program providers.

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The key areas a company needs to practice are:

- Is an initial on-site consultation offered to customers before recommending a program?
- Are soil tests offered to all new customers?
- Does the company offer its customers appropriate pesticide use and fertilizer programs -ie. slow release fertilizers - low or no phosphorus fertilizers, organic fertilization programs, or no pesticide programs?
- Is Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practiced to limit pesticide use?
- Does the company give advice to the customer on proper maintenance practices such as mowing and watering?
- Are fertilizer granules removed from the hard surfaces to prevent run off into watershed systems?

Endorsement Procedure:

Your company must submit literature and materials to verify its programs and practices to the M.G.I.A. for review by a verification team. The verification team makes a visit to the company's facility to verify their submitted materials and better understand the company's philosophy and mission. Once the verification team determines the company has met all the requirements, the company is awarded an endorsement. Every three years, the company is re-evaluated.

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APPLICATION FOR THE HEALTHY LAWN CARE PROGRAM FOR WATERSHED PROTECTION

Company Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

Date of Training Session: _____

Customer Communications & Practices

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| <p><input type="checkbox"/> Is a soil test recommended to all new customers?
<i>Attach documentation</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> What kind of program options are available to customers that offer appropriate pesticide use and appropriate fertilizer use?
<i>Attach documentation</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Is written advice on proper watering and mowing given to all customers?
<i>Attach documentation</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Are slow release fertilizers used as standard part of the program? To what extent?
<i>Attach documentation</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Are fertilizer granules removed from hard surfaces to prevent runoff into watershed systems?
<i>Attach documentation</i></p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> How are pest problems handled to insure that proper IPM is practiced?
<i>Attach documentation of training programs or literature</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Show copies of advertising and promotional literature.
<i>Attach documentation</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> List of materials routinely used.
<i>Attach documentation</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> List participation in any Wildlife enhancement programs.
<i>Attach documentation</i></p> |
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Will you be willing to sign a voluntary compliance statement that will indicate your willingness to make a good-faith effort to follow and recommend lawn care practices as outlined in the Healthy Lawn Care Program?

- Yes No

For Verification Team Use Only

Date of Scheduled Inspection: Pass Fail

Notes: