

Wall Township Residents

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

To be recognized as conservation-friendly resident, your score must be at least 20.

Total Score _____

Date _____

Drop off this checklist at the Clerk's Office in the Wall Municipal Building to be recognized as "Conservation-friendly" and pick up your Certificate of Appreciation.

You can enhance the natural resources in Wall Township by using "best" practices in landscaping, by planting native trees and shrubs, and by being involved in education concerning day-to-day activities.

Compliments of the

Wall Township

Environmental Advisory Committee

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Clean Water and Lawn Conservation Program

Once you have completed the checklist, bring it to the Clerk's Office in the Wall Municipal Building and you will be awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for your accomplishments and you will be recognized as a conservation-friendly resident.

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1 Point Each

Water Quality Protection and Water Conservation

- I direct my gutters away from pavement and onto the grass (or vegetated area).
- I have not increased impervious (non porous) surfaces on my property or I limit rainwater runoff.
- I water my plants/lawn less often but for longer duration (to allow 1 inch applications) or I do not water unless necessary.
- I water during early morning hours or do not water at all unless necessary.
- I hand water or use drip irrigation rather than spraying sprinklers.
- I have spray/shut-off nozzles attached to watering hoses.
- I do not "wash" sidewalks or the driveway.

Green-friendly Landscaping

- I minimize lawn areas (naturalized areas are created or groundcovers used).
- I maintain a mowing height at 3 inches (or highest possible setting on my mower).
- I plant groundcovers (or other vegetation) or use mulch to cover exposed soil areas.
- I place a maximum of 2-3 inches of mulch around trees, shrubs, and garden beds.
- I group my plants according to their water needs.

- I plant with native plants when creating new areas or replacing existing areas.
- I remove invasive plants where possible.
- I leave limited dead trees and brush or at least a few branches, where possible, to provide a food source and habitat for wildlife.
- I have a pond(s) and/or bird bath(s) on the property.

Limiting Fertilizer and Pesticide Use

- I use slow release/organic fertilizers in compliance with the New Jersey Fertilizer Law based on results from a soil test.
- I keep excess fertilizer and debris off of driveway/sidewalks and out of storm drains.
- I use compost or grass clippings as a lawn/garden amendment.
- I can identify 5 beneficial insects in my lawn/garden.
- I minimize my pesticide use, pesticides used are low toxicity or organic (pesticides include both herbicides and insecticides), or pesticides are not used at all.
- I spot spray pesticides/chemicals (ex: only affected plants or lawn areas are treated instead of spraying the whole lawn) or use no pesticides.
- I apply an integrated approach for controlling unwanted insects, weeds, animals, (pulling weeds, spray pests off plants with water, naturally occurring parasites and predators, barrier fences).
- I tolerate some pests (insects and weeds) in my lawn/garden.

Good Samaritan

- I pick up and dispose of my pet feces.

- I minimize my winter salt use, salt is not used at all, or alternatives are used.
- I dispose of household chemicals properly.
- I called the local Master Gardeners as a resource regarding one of my lawn/garden related questions.
- I gathered information from another source such as a garden center, magazines, or local cooperative extension to answer one of my lawn/garden related questions.
- I attended at least one educational class or hike on a landscape related topic.
- I communicated my efforts with neighbors, friends, relatives, or other local group.

Bonus (2 points each)

- I have installed dry well(s) or rain barrel(s) on building downspout(s) or have created a rain garden.
- I have a bird and/or bat house installed.
- I have plants that provide a food source for wildlife.
- I live along a waterway or water resource and maintain a naturally vegetated buffer along its edge.
- I live on a wooded lot and do not have a lawn.

MY TOTAL SCORE (add up all of your checkmarks)

_____ Target Score = 20

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