



# HEALTHY LAWN CARE PROGRAM FOR WATERSHED PROTECTION

## A Guide to Selecting a Lawn Service for Watershed Protection

### Why Be Concerned?

Rain and melting snow carry small amounts of oil, grease, soil, debris and other pollutants to rivers, lakes and wetlands. Lawn fertilizer and pesticides are among the pollutants that have been found in storm water runoff.

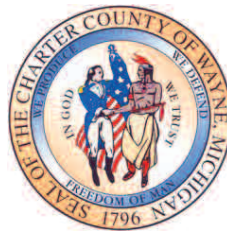
The Michigan Green Industry Association (MGIA) offers an endorsement program for lawn care professionals interested in offering an alternative lawn care program to their customers.

### Program Components Include:

- An initial on-site consultation/assessment
- Soil nutrient tests offered to new customers
- No phosphorus or low-phosphorus fertilizer in accordance with state law
- Slow-release nitrogen fertilizer (40% in slow-release form)
- Advice to the customer on proper maintenance practices such as mowing and irrigation
- Fertilizer quantities of two, three, or four pounds per 1000 square feet, applied over the growing season
- Weed control options:
  - Zero pesticides
  - Spot-treatment for weeds and/or
  - One-time rescue operation for weed control
- Insect control only after identification of problem on site

Participating lawn care companies typically offer the "Healthy Lawn Care Program" as an option for their customers. Some companies offer natural organic fertilizers, while others use coated, synthetic products which slowly release nutrients. If you would like an "organic fertilizer" program, ask for it specifically.

For a list of the endorsed companies, please see reverse side of this card or visit [www.landscape.org](http://www.landscape.org). For further information, contact the MGIA at (248) 646-4992.



*Jim Nash*



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### Endorsed MGA Lawn Care Providers

(as of July 2014)

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**All State Tree & Lawn Service Inc.**  
4926 Fernlee Ave.  
Royal Oak, MI 48073-1017  
(248) 689-5750  
www.allstatetree.net

Jim Berns  
**Berns Landscaping Services Inc.**  
23500 Blackstone Ave.  
Warren, MI 48089  
(586) 756-1145  
www.bernslandscape.com

Tom Korth  
**Classic Turf LLC (A Division of Westside Forestry)**  
22510 Hoover Rd.  
Warren, MI 48089  
(586) 757-7700  
www.classic-turf.com

Steve Martinko  
**Contender's Tree & Lawn Specialists, Inc.**  
8250 Old White Lake Rd., Ste. B  
White Lake, MI 48386  
(248) 698-4470  
www.contenders-mi.com

Chris Fox  
**Custom Greenery Lawn Care, Inc.**  
28252 Grand River Ave.  
Farmington Hills, MI 48336  
(248) 471-1776

W. George Jackson  
**D & G Natures Way, Inc.**  
P.O. Box 88,  
South Lyon, MI 48178  
(248) 437-3759

David Alexander  
**D.A. Alexander & Company, Inc.**  
12711 Farmington Rd.  
Livonia, MI 48150  
(734) 427-0030  
www.daalexander.com

DJ Kerr  
**DJ's Property Maintenance**  
25024 Research Way  
Woodhaven, MI 48183  
(734) 231-8885  
www.djlawnservices.net

Matt Nihranz  
**Fertilizer Plus**  
31190 Dequindre, Warren, MI 48092  
1-877-FERT-PLUS  
www.fertplus.com

David Steptoe  
**Green Guys Lawn & Landscape**  
9563 Huron Creek Dr.  
Dexter, MI 48130  
(734) 426-2099  
steptoed49@aol.com

Brett Marshall  
**Marshall Landscape**  
24343 Gibson, Warren, MI 48089  
(313) 885-7272  
www.marshalllandscape.com

Marty Blaszkowski  
**Michigan Greens-Keeper, Inc.**  
P.O. Box 202, Clarkston, MI 48347  
(248) 393-0973  
www.michigangreenskeeper.com

Gary Eichen  
**Mike's Tree Surgeons, Inc.**  
263 Park Street, Troy, MI 48083  
(248) 588-0202  
www.mikestree.com

Ruth Pianga  
**Mr. Green Lawn Care**  
9200 General Dr.,  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
(800) 25-GRASS  
www.mrgreenlawncare.com

Tom Bergschwenger  
**Natural Approach Lawn & Tree, Inc.**  
P.O. Box 70766  
Rochester Hills, MI 48307  
(248) 237-1006  
www.naturalapproachlawns.com

Tom Morgan  
**Owen Tree Service**  
225 N. Lake George Rd.  
Attica, MI 48412  
(800) 724-6680  
www.owentree.com

Paul Peacock  
**Peacock Landscaping, LLC**  
P.O. Box 194  
North Street, MI 48049-0194  
(810) 327-2684  
www.peacocklandscaping.net

Ron Zemens  
**Ron-Kare Landscape Co.**  
17080 Masonic, Ste. 218  
Fraser, MI 48026  
(586) 296-8060  
www.ron-kare.com

Dave Stevens  
**Signature Lawn Care (A Division of Westside Forestry)**  
48600 Eleven Mile Rd.  
Novi, MI 48374  
(248) 449-4949  
www.westsideforestry.com

Stephen Woods  
**Smith Tree & Landscape Service, Inc.**  
6270 W. Grand River Ave.  
Lansing, MI 48906  
(517) 321-3553  
www.smithtree.com

Michelle Zatorski  
**Soulliere Landscaping, Inc.**  
23919 Little Mack  
St. Clair Shores, MI 48080  
(586) 776-2811  
www.soullieregardens.com

Bill Udell  
**Total Lawn Care, Inc.**  
424 W. Houstonia  
Royal Oak, MI 48073  
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www.totallawncareinc.com

For further information about environmental lawn care visit:  
[www.socwa.org/lawn\\_and\\_garden.htm](http://www.socwa.org/lawn_and_garden.htm) or <http://www.turf.msu.edu>