

# 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**. For further information, contact the MGIA at **(248) 646-4992**.











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### **Endorsed MGIA Lawn Care Providers**

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Dana Stevens

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

Matt Nihranz **Fertilizer Plus** 31190 Dequindre Warren, MI 48092

1-877-FERT-PLUS www.fertplus.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 201032 Ferndale, MI 48220 (248) 761-2677

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

Dana Davis

**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 (248) 588-1694 www.totallawncareinc.com

For further information about

environmental lawn care visit: www.socwa.org/lawn\_and\_garden.htm or http://www.turf.msu.edu