

Why should you YardScape?

- ✓ Saves money.
- ✓ Saves time.
- ✓ Protects you, your family and the environment.



A healthy, natural lawn is more resistant to weeds, bugs, disease and drought!

Call the Conservation District for YardScaping info:
892-4700

Check out:
www.cumberlandswcd.org
Click on the ducky!



The Maine YardScaping Partnership was formed out of the rising concern over the pollution caused by yard care chemicals washing away into water bodies, as well as the risks of pesticide exposure to people, pets and wildlife.

Local YardScaping Partners:



Cumberland County Soil & Water Conservation District
207-892-4700

City of
South
Portland

Friends of Casco Bay
Casco **BAYKEEPER**

207-799-8574

Do you want
a lush
green lawn
safe for kids
and pets?



Let the ducky
point you in
the right
direction!

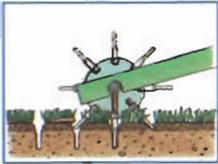
What is YardScaping?

YardScaping is a statewide effort to inspire Maine people to maintain their yards for the safety of kids, pets and the environment by reducing the use of fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.

YardScaping Tips!

✓ **Mow High:** Three inches is the rule! Longer grass strengthens roots, retains more moisture and makes it difficult for weeds to germinate.

✓ **Aerate:** An aerator loosens up the soil and gets the air, water and nutrients more readily to the roots. Rent one with a neighbor or hire a professional.



✓ **Overseed:** Throw down more grass seed to give your lawn a natural boost. Ask for a low maintenance mix that is drought tolerant and needs no fertilizer.

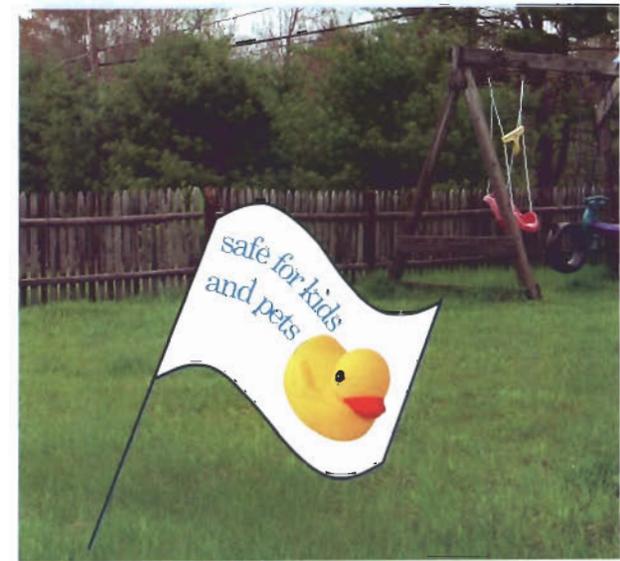


✓ **Test the Soil:** A soil test analyzes soil fertility and pH and recommends exactly what your soil needs for growing healthy grass. Test kits available from the Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District. Call 892-4700.

More YardScaping Tips Online!

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What do YOU do?

- ✓ Ask your local hardware store and garden center if they participate in the Ducky Program.
- ✓ Look for the ducky tag below the products that promote a healthy lawn.
- ✓ Call the Conservation District for lawncare advice: 892-4700.
- ✓ Proudly display your free ducky lawn flag so friends and family know you have a safe, natural lawn. Call 892-4700.