Living Lawns

2021 Community Survey Results
April 15, 2021
Overall Response

TOTAL RESPONSES
299

COMPLETION RATE
95%

TYPICAL TIME SPENT
2m:41s

77% of Respondents DIY Lawn Care

How do you take care of your lawns, gardens, and shrubs/trees? (Please check all that apply.)

Answered: 298  Skipped: 1

- I do it myself
- I hire a professional...
- Other (please specify)

Respondents do not have super strong feelings about weed and pest control

3.1 average rating
Pesticides

63% of Respondents Do NOT Apply Pesticides
- 29% of the respondents apply pesticides
- 9% selected Other – Oceanview; others aren’t sure what their applicators use

Pesticides are mainly used for weed and insect control
- Grub control is important

What do you, or your hired professional landscaper/arborist, use pesticides to control? (check all that apply)
Answered: 110  Skipped: 189
Fertilizer

53% of Respondents use Fertilizer

Where do you, or your hired professional landscaper/arborist, use fertilizers? (check all that apply)

Answered: 176   Skipped: 123

- Lawn
- Vegetable garden and/o...
- Flower beds
- Potted plants
- Other (please specify)
Education

35% of Respondents **have heard of Living Lawns**

Are you interested in learning about healthy lawn care?

Answered: 290   Skipped: 9

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Yes

No

Other (please specify)
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**Preferred communication methods:**

1. Town Website
2. Falmouth Focus / Email
3. Forecaster
Education Topics: 186 Suggestions!

What types of land care topics are you interested in learning...

Answered: 186    Skipped: 113

Organic options for lawn care and swallowwort

ground cover options other than grass

How to keep ants from climbing the trees and getting into houses! Lawn feeding timing - spring/summer/fall.

Flower gardens

Water management (drainage strategies). Well-water safety considerations. Rain water collection strategies (how-to’s) and safety (e.g. is it ok to use rain water runoff from asphalt roof for vegetable garden).

Re seeding lawns; use of organic compost

Moths And chipmunks and red bugs on lilies

Organic fertilizers, natural pest treatments

Will not harm birds

Bee, bird, butterfly and human friendly lawn care options are very important if achievable.

Importance of protecting bees and other insects.

Best ways to reseed a lawn so it’s drought tolerant, but green. Specifically the use of clover in lawns.

natural lawns, pet safe lawns, alternatives to grass

The impact of both fertilizers and pest control on the local environment. Suggestions on solutions.

how to do the pest and lawn management without using anything that is dangerous to humans and dogs and any pets

How to have a healthy lawn without pesticides, herbicides, or fertilizer.

conservation, water run off

watering for good grass, tick prevention, weed free if possible

Organic weed control

natural pest prevention, natural healthy lawn, discounts on plants/lawn products

General Lawn Care tips specific to our climate/area (best time to mow, height, weed prevention, dealing with shaded areas, etc)

Composting and proper brush disposal

Things that would allow less fertilizer and pesticide while still preserving some appearance of healthy lawn

tree care

Making gardens bird and butterfly friendly. Growing grass organically.

Best natural fertilizers. How to deal with invasive plants, like buckthorn

Natural ways to control pests like voles and moles
Ordinance

27% of Respondents familiar with Ordinance

Of those, 19% changed their methods

- Switched to organic
- Stopped using RoundUp
- Concerned about health and dogs
- Reduced use of fertilizer
- Want to protect the bees!
- Manually remove invasives and weeds
Takeaways

• Homeowners are caring for their own lawns and gardens
• Pesticide use isn’t for just tick/mosquito control
• First year of Living Lawns made an impact but there is room to grow
• Respondents want to learn more and are open to change