Sustainable Landscapes are Winners

**Design, installation, and maintenance** work *with* nature to create a healthy, resilient, and attractive landscape.

**Why?**
- Fewer resources needed: pesticides, fertilizers, and water
- Less work and less money over the long run
- Safer for kids, pets – and everyone!
- More birds and butterflies
- Increased property values
- Cleaner air and water
5 essential practices for a sustainable landscape

**Design** using the right plant in the right place.
- Consider the site’s soil, sun, shade, water, and wind patterns to help plants thrive with less work and resources.
- Choose plants for their beauty, ability to thrive, and resistance to pests and diseases.
- Select plants with low water needs and/or natives, and group them according to their water needs.
- Space for the mature size and shape of plants to avoid “shrink-to-fit” pruning.
- Plan for easy long-term maintenance.

**Soil** is the foundation.
- Healthy soil contains rich life, which nourishes plants naturally.
- Use compost, mulch, organic fertilizers, and mulch-mowing to help feed soil life and plants.
- Amend and loosen soil as needed whenever you plant.

**Install** plants for strong, deep roots.
- Plant at the proper depth and width, spreading roots fully.
- Water deeply when planting.
- Avoid compacting soil, and apply mulch after planting.

**Maintenance** matters.
- Care properly for plants from the start to create a healthier, more resilient landscape long-term.
- If you prune, follow natural growth patterns for lasting health and beauty.
- Choose tools and equipment to reduce air and noise pollution.
- Use chemicals as a last option. Most pests and diseases can be prevented or managed with less-toxic methods.

**Plan** for efficient irrigation.
- Water efficiently. Use drip irrigation, soaker hoses, and/or state-of-the-art technologies, such as smart controllers with rain sensors.
- Water plants regularly until they are established.
- As plants mature, water deeply and less often to help them develop healthy, deeper roots.