



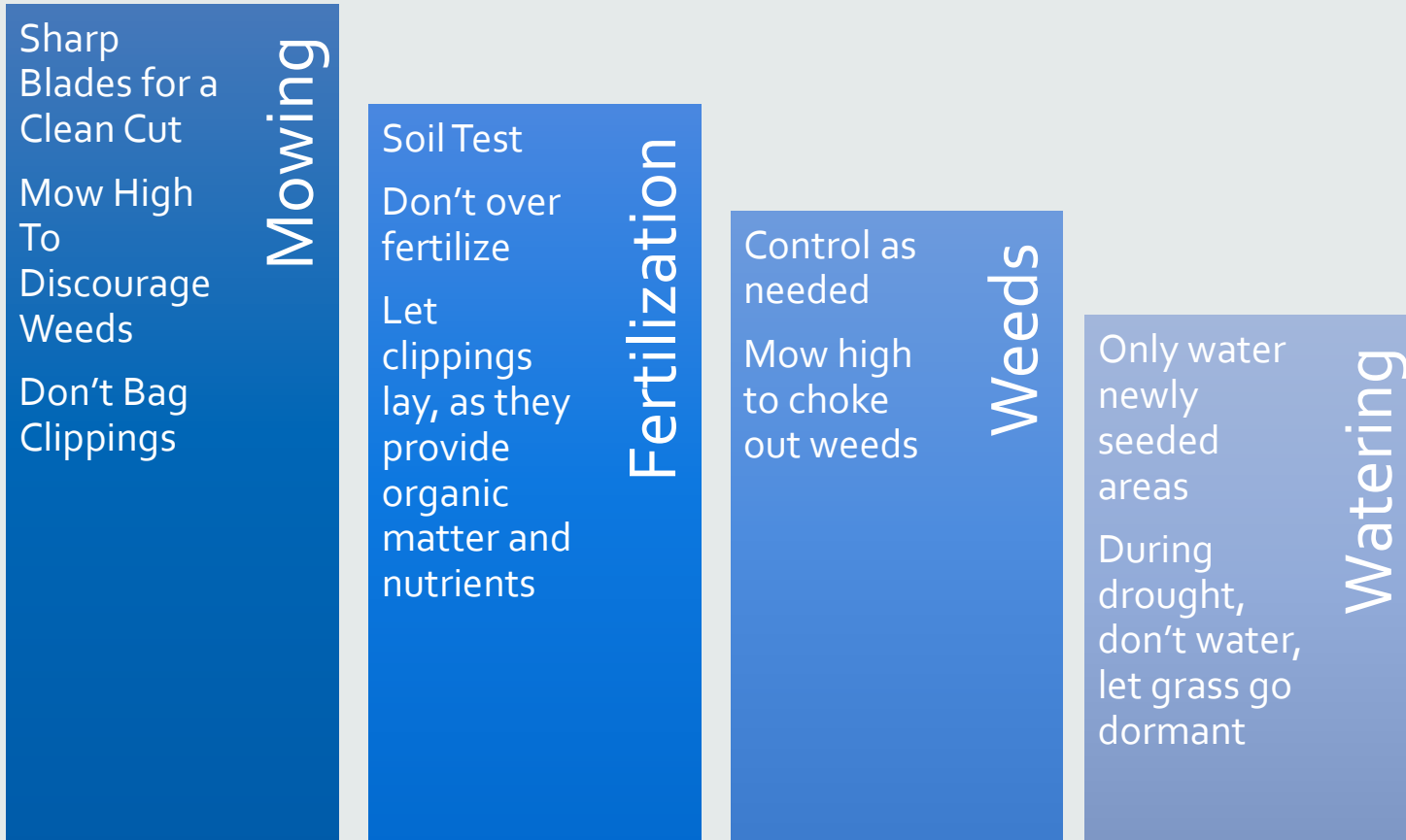
LAWN CARE & LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT

Carroll County Environmental Advisory Council Spring 2017 Workshop

LAWN CARE

- Get a soil test before you over fertilize
- Leave grass clippings on the lawn and do not bag
- Do not cut your lawn too short, as this allows weed seeds to germinate and crowd out your grass

LAWN CARE



LANDSCAPING

Common Sense Approach

LANDSCAPING

▪ Planting

- Design and plant beds to minimize erosion and rain water runoff
- Use native plants when possible, They require less fertilizer, chemicals and watering
- Mulch Beds to conserve water during times of drought
- Hand pull weeds when possible or spot spray to eliminate wide scale spraying

▪ Maintenance

- Keep beds free of weeds to reduce competition for your plants
- Try to compost plant trimmings and reuse
- Always clean up any spills of chemicals, mulch or soil especially from driveways or sidewalk to eliminate possible runoff into waterways

COMMON SENSE OVERVIEW

LAWN

- Don't mow every Friday just because its Friday
- Don't mow too often during times of drought
- Try to mow when the grass is dry

LANDSCAPE

- Don't plant invasives ie Barberry, English Ivy, Butterfly Bush, Burning Bush, Wisteria
- Use Rain Gardens where possible
- Compost as much as possible including branch trimmings, excess grass clippings, leaves and organic kitchen waste

When Hiring A Contractor

- Don't just get the '5' seasonal lawn applications, it usually is not necessary and it just wastes your money and adds unnecessary chemicals to the environment
- Hire a reputable contractor who works with the environment and doesn't just throw in cheap plants from a big box store.
- Don't let your lawn mowers cut your grass if it doesn't need it just because its your scheduled day to have it done
- Snow removal – Avoid the use of salt or ice melter unless its absolutely necessary
- Sometimes Less is More. It sure is cheaper and easier on the wallet.



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THANKS FOR
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