

Once you have completed the checklist, bring it to the Clerk's Office in the Wall Municipal Building and you will be awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for your accomplishments and you will be recognized as a conservation-friendly resident.

To be recognized as conservation-friendly resident, your score must be at least 20.

1 Point Each

Water Quality Protection and Water Conservation

- I direct my gutters away from pavement and onto the grass (or vegetated area).
- I have not increased impervious (non porous) surfaces on my property or I limit rainwater runoff.
- I water my plants/lawn less often but for longer duration (to allow 1 inch applications) or I do not water unless necessary.
- I water during early morning hours or do not water at all unless necessary.
- I hand water or use drip irrigation rather than spraying sprinklers.
- I have spray/shut-off nozzles attached to watering hoses.
- I do not "wash" sidewalks or the driveway.

Green-friendly Landscaping

- I minimize lawn areas (naturalized areas are created or groundcovers used).
- I maintain a mowing height at 3 inches (or highest possible setting on my mower).
- I plant groundcovers (or other vegetation) or use mulch to cover exposed soil areas.
- I place a maximum of 2-3 inches of mulch around trees, shrubs, and garden beds.
- I group my plants according to their water needs.

- I plant with native plants when creating new areas or replacing existing areas.
- I remove invasive plants where possible.
- I leave limited dead trees and brush or at least a few branches, where possible, to provide a food source and habitat for wildlife.
- I have a pond(s) and/or bird bath(s) on the property.

Limiting Fertilizer and Pesticide Use

- I use slow release/organic fertilizers in compliance with the New Jersey Fertilizer Law based on results from a soil test.
- I keep excess fertilizer and debris off of driveway/sidewalks and out of storm drains.
- I use compost or grass clippings as a lawn/garden amendment.
- I can identify 5 beneficial insects in my lawn/garden.
- I minimize my pesticide use, pesticides used are low toxicity or organic (pesticides include both herbicides and insecticides), or pesticides are not used at all.
- I spot spray pesticides/chemicals (ex: only affected plants or lawn areas are treated instead of spraying the whole lawn) or use no pesticides.
- I apply an integrated approach for controlling unwanted insects, weeds, animals, (pulling weeds, spray pests off plants with water, naturally occurring parasites and predators, barrier fences).
- I tolerate some pests (insects and weeds) in my lawn/garden.

Good Samaritan

- I pick up and dispose of my pet feces.
- I minimize my winter salt use, salt is not used at all, or alternatives are used.

- I dispose of household chemicals properly.
- I called the local Master Gardeners as a resource regarding one of my lawn/garden related questions.
- I gathered information from another source such as a garden center, magazines, or local cooperative extension to answer one of my lawn/garden related questions.
- I attended at least one educational class or hike on a landscape related topic.
- I communicated my efforts with neighbors, friends, relatives, or other local group.

Bonus (2 points each)

- I have installed dry well(s) or rain barrel(s) on building downspout(s) or have created a rain garden.
- I have a bird and/or bat house installed.
- I have plants that provide a food source for wildlife.
- I live along a waterway or water resource and maintain a naturally vegetated buffer along its edge.
- I live on a wooded lot and do not have a lawn.

MY TOTAL SCORE (add up all of your checkmarks)

_____ Target Score = 20

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Reminder:

Drop off this checklist at the Clerk's Office in the Wall Municipal Building to be recognized as "Conservation-friendly" and pick up your Certificate of Appreciation.

Thank you for your participation.