

Long Island Homeowners!



Before you sign up
for another
season of lawn care,
please read this
important message.

Long Island is a unique place for many reasons, but one of the most important is that we're completely surrounded by water, and our drinking water comes from ancient underground aquifers.

We all need clean water to drink, of course, and for swimming, fishing and boating. But we also depend on clean water to support our tourism industry and our wide variety of marine-dependent businesses.

Keeping our water clean is a priority – and a responsibility – of everyone who lives on Long Island.

One important way to help keep our water clean is to avoid using water-soluble, high-

nitrogen lawn fertilizers that can leach through our sandy soil or run off with stormwater, contaminating our drinking and surface waters. And we should be using natural methods to control weeds and pests instead of harmful chemical pesticides that can also contribute to pollution.

There are many excellent low-nitrogen fertilizers available, and most professional landscapers are qualified to manage weeds and pests without chemical pesticides.

So this year, before you sign that lawn care contract, ask your landscaping professional to maintain your property without contributing to water pollution on Long Island!

A message from your friends and neighbors who are working to protect Long Island's water:



Accabonac Protection Committee
Citizens Campaign for the Environment
Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor
Concerned Citizens of Montauk
CRESLI
Defend H2O
Grassroots Environmental Education
Group for the East End
Neighborhood Network
North Fork Environmental Council
North Fork Audubon
North Shore Audubon

North Shore Land Alliance
Open Space Council
Operation Blue Earth
Operation Splash
Peconic Green Growth
Perfect Earth Project
Pine Barrens Society
Save the Great South Bay
Save the Sound
Seatuck Environmental Center
Sustainability Institute at Molloy
Water for Long Island