



Backyard Conservation: Lawn Care Practices

Program Introduction

Backyard Conservation: Lawn Care Practices is an outreach and education program targeting anyone with a lawn. The program focuses on practical lawn management techniques that promote soil conservation and protect water resources. Included in this packet is the full program, developed by the Ohio Federation of Soil & Water Conservation Districts and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in collaboration with The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company. Not only do these recommendations help protect our environment, they also save time and resources. Best practices include proper mowing, grass clipping and leaf management, soil and water conservation, and nutrition.

Program Materials

- **Power Point Presentation/speakers notes** – This is the main component of the program. The power point should be given by the district personnel and incorporated into educational trainings and outreach programs. The presentation is accompanied with background information and speakers notes to help the presenters bring the information to life.
- **Supplemental Materials**
 - **DVD** – A short 20 minute narrated version of the PowerPoint presentation which can be given when the district personnel are not available to attend meetings held by organizations that have a basic understanding of lawn and garden care (garden clubs, Master gardeners, etc.).
 - **Brochure** – A simple take-home reference that highlights the key components of the presentation, it can also be handed out in the circumstances where the presentation cannot be provided (booths, conferences, etc.) The brochure reinforces the best practices and highlights how lawns and gardens and simple behaviors can help our water quality efforts.
 - **Magnet** – A take home reference from the presentation or a reminder of the brochure that reinforces the key best practices in an easy to understand fun way.