



Redefining Green Landscapes

TIPS FOR GOOD STEWARDSHIP OF YOUR CAPE COD LAND

- **Plant a “Cape Cod” lawn using native fescues and clover rather than turf.** A native lawn mix that includes white clover will not need commercial fertilizer if all clippings are left on the lawn.
- **Use native plants** that are more drought resistant and less dependent on watering and fertilizer.
- **Know what your soil needs.**
Test your soil before you apply additives.
- **Avoid or reduce use of pesticides,** including herbicides and rodenticides.
- **Use compost made from organics from your own property such as grass and leaves.**
- **Comply with Orleans Bylaws** that prohibit the application of nitrogen and phosphorus immediately before a heavy rainstorm, or within 100 feet of “Resource Areas,” including beaches, estuaries, ponds and other wetlands, unless an exemption applies.
- **Save money and don’t water your lawn.**
Most grasses naturally go dormant in times of less rainfall and then green up again when water becomes naturally available.
- **Use a rain barrel** or two to collect rainwater to water your vegetables and flowers.
- **Consider adding a permagarden, a vegetated swale or rain garden** to allow runoff from your roofs, lawn and driveway to sink slowly and spread through the soil, where it can be purified and saved for times when the rain does not fall.

For more information on these tips scan the QR code for land stewardship resources

