



CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST

Join the Yard Ethic community by utilizing this checklist to implement practices that save money, beautify your yard, conserve water, reduce stormwater pollution and create habitat.

	Silver Certification	Gold Certification
	Complete 3 of the following criteria.	Complete 5 of the following criteria.
Lawn Steward Soil Test	Receive nutrient management plan and strive for 5% organic matter.	Required. Receive nutrient management plan and strive for 5% organic matter.
Native Pollinator Planting	Use native plants to landscape at least 100 sq.ft. of yard. Includes a minimum of 4 species with at least 2 that are beneficial for pollinators.	Use native plants to landscape at least 200 sq.ft. of yard. Includes a minimum of 8 species with at least 4 that are beneficial for pollinators.
Rain Garden or Bioswale	Collects runoff from impervious surface and includes native plants.	Collects runoff from impervious surface and includes native plants.
 Tree Canopy	Tree canopy coverage of 15% of lot (based on mature size) with existing trees (does not include invasive species) or by planting native or fruit/nut trees, using "right tree, right place" principles.	Tree canopy coverage of 25% of lot (based on mature size) with existing trees (does not include invasive species) or by planting native or fruit/nut trees, using "right tree, right place" principles.
Compost Organic Waste	Use of a compost pile or bin for organic waste, including food waste, using proper composting practices.	Use of a compost pile or bin for organic waste, including food waste, using proper composting practices.
Rainwater Harvesting	Install a rain barrel or larger rainwater harvesting system with a 50 gallon minimum.	Install a rain barrel or larger rainwater harvesting system with a 100 gallon minimum. 
Build the Community	Not valid for silver certification.	Share your Yard Ethic story and refer a neighbor (must obtain certification). A minimum of 150 words and 2 photos required.

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