



CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST

Join the Yard Ethic community by pledging to manage your grounds in a way that supports a healthy community of people, plants and wildlife.

	Silver Certification	Gold Certification
	Complete 5 of the following criteria.	Complete 8 of the following criteria.
Keep Outdoor Areas Free of Trash and Debris	REQUIRED. Address windblown trash and debris, implement a routine litter clean-up of your property at a set frequency.	REQUIRED. Address windblown trash and debris, implement a routine litter clean-up of your property at a set frequency.
Soil Test	Complete a soil test that includes soil nutrients and organic matter content.	Complete a soil test that includes soil nutrients and organic matter content.
Rainwater Harvesting	Install a rain barrel or larger rainwater harvesting system with a minimum, 50-gallon capacity.	Install a rain barrel or larger rainwater harvesting system with a minimum, 100-gallon capacity.
Rain Garden or Bioswale	The rain garden or bioswale should collect runoff from impervious surfaces and include native plants. <i>Note: You may be eligible for a free rain garden purchased and planted by the City of Springfield. Visit yardethic.com/residential/bloomblud to learn more.</i>	The rain garden or bioswale should collect runoff from impervious surfaces and include native plants. <i>Note: You may be eligible for a free rain garden purchased and planted by the City of Springfield. Visit yardethic.com/residential/bloomblud to learn more.</i>
 Native Pollinator Planting	Use native plants to landscape at least 5% of managed green space. Include a minimum of four species with at least two that are beneficial for pollinators.	Use native plants to landscape at least 10% of managed green space. Includes a minimum of eight species with at least four that are beneficial for pollinators.
Tree Canopy 	Any areas not covered by buildings or trees should have tree canopy coverage of 10% with existing trees, by planting native trees, fruit/nut trees or using “right tree, right place” principles. <i>Note: You may be eligible for a free tree purchased and planted in the right-of-way by the City of Springfield. Visit springfieldmo.gov/neighborhoods to learn more.</i>	Any areas not covered by buildings or trees should have tree canopy coverage of 20% with existing trees, by planting native trees, fruit/nut trees or using “right tree, right place” principles. <i>Note: You may be eligible for a free tree purchased and planted in the right-of-way by the City of Springfield. Visit springfieldmo.gov/neighborhoods to learn more.</i>
Compost Organic Waste	Use of a compost pile, bin, or third-party service for organic waste, including food waste, using proper composting practices	Use of a compost pile, bin, or third-party service for organic waste, including food waste, using proper composting practices
Water Conservation	Complete a survey for leaks in the irrigation system (required) in addition to various other practices.	Complete a survey for leaks in the irrigation system (required) in addition to various other practices.
Environmentally-Friendly Pavement	Participate in the City’s Clean Pavement Initiative. Visit springfieldmo.gov/cleanpavement to learn more.	Participate in the City’s Clean Pavement Initiative. Visit springfieldmo.gov/cleanpavement to learn more.
Volunteer for Environmental Causes	Participate in one community clean-up annually.	Register and participate in adopt-a-stream or adopt-a-street.
Connect Employees with Nature	Implement two of three specified practices.	Implement three specified practices.
Eliminate Invasive Species	Submit an invasive species removal plan which details targeted species, removal methods, etc.	Submit an invasive species removal plan which details targeted species, removal methods, etc.

Find more details at yardethic.com