



Lawn Care • Tree Service



SeaScape Lawn Care – “Grow it Green”

Natural Organic Lawn Care, Safety & the Environment

Making Sure Your Green Lawn is “GREEN”

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Proper lawn care involves the prudent use of fertilizers and pest controls, along with proper mowing and watering. University research has consistently shown many benefits to a well-maintained lawn, including:

- Environmental enhancement through reduced water run off and increased infiltration. In fact, turf’s thick, fibrous root system and thatch layer have been shown to actually clean water as it infiltrates.
- Property values increase as much as 15% with a well-maintained lawn & landscape.
- Improved quality of life by cooling the surrounding area, dust control, and just plain aesthetic beauty.

Unfortunately, some marketing & media reports might leave you confused regarding what is best for you, your lawn and the environment, and the benefits of natural vs. organic vs. “chemical” lawn care.

Natural or Organic – Which is best for your lawn? Most products used by SeaScape are organic. Consumers believe, however, that “natural” and “organic” products are one in the same. They are not.

Most fertilizers and pest controls used today, including those used by SeaScape, are organic (they contain carbon) but only some are natural in origin, meaning they are derived from animals (manure) or plants (compost). Where natural products are used, they generally need to be supplemented (due to their low nutrient content) with synthetic organic products to achieve desired results. Don’t be fooled by lawn services claiming they are using organic products – they are mostly synthetic organics and are not 100% natural.

Natural organic fertilizers do have the advantage of adding organic matter to the soil. However, they can contain large amounts of water-soluble nitrogen and phosphorus, both of which can be detrimental to your lawn and the environment. Nitrogen is nitrogen, whether supplied by a natural organic source or not. The key is to use moderate rates of slow release nitrogen to feed the grass slowly and limit run off and leaching.

There are few cost effective, 100% natural-organic lawn care products (fertilizers or pest controls) that would provide you with a quality lawn. Where natural products are available, SeaScape incorporates them automatically. In addition, we do offer an all-natural fertilizer, 100% pesticide free program.

SeaScape Applications & Practices. Under the direction of owner Dr. Jim Wilkinson (PhD, Turf Management), SeaScape ensures that all products and practices used follow research-based guidelines for application and safety. The products we use are not restricted and are the same as those you could purchase yourself. They are applied judiciously and only where and when needed in accordance with university-based Integrated Pest Management (IPM) models. Natural & organic products are always used whenever available and effective.

Utmost consideration is given to the environment, people, pets and wildlife. When applied according to manufacturer and university recommendations, the fertilizers and pest controls do not run off or leach to ground water, and are safe for you, your children & pets.

Fertilizers. In accordance with research-based recommendations, our fertilizers:

- supply only moderate levels of **slow-release nitrogen**;
- supply only minimal or **no phosphorus**;
- are **removed from drives**, walks and roadways after applications;
- **dry, granulars** are used, never liquid fertilizers;
- incorporate **natural sources** when appropriate;
- **buffers** are left untreated around water bodies and wetlands.
- Nutrients are used efficiently and will not leach or run-off.

Pest Controls used by Seascope:

- are **low in toxicity**;
- pose **little risk of run-off or leaching**;
- and **quickly degrade in the environment**.

SeaScape further ensures your safety and that of the environment by: **spot applications** for weed control, never applications to the entire lawn; you know when we are coming by **call aheads** before applications; we **honor requests** for applications on specific days; we **avoid applications** on windy and rainy days.

SeaScape’s Experience, training and expertise. SeaScape has cooperated on numerous lawn projects with turf programs at URI and UCONN, as well as RI’s Cooperative Extension Service, and RI’s Coastal Management Resource Program. The focus of these projects has been on sustainable lawns and environmental protection. Many of the issues studied have been incorporated into SeaScape’s programs.

In addition to Dr. Wilkinson’s **25+ years of experience** in lawn care, he has served throughout his career as President of the Professional Lawn Care Assn. of America, and Director of Environmental & Regulatory Affairs for PLCAA. All technicians are **thoroughly trained** by Dr. Wilkinson along with university turf management faculty and state regulatory officials.

Your role is important! Lawn companies can only provide your lawn with the necessary fertilizer & pest controls. To get the most out of your lawn you must mow properly. By **mowing HIGH**, your lawn will have fewer weeds and other pests, minimizing the amount and frequency of fertilizer and pest controls. By **retuning clippings** (leaving them on the lawn), nutrients are recycled and your lawn will need less fertilizer.