

## Resources & Links for Homeowners on Pesticide Use, Organic Lawn Care, and Native Plants

Scarborough Conservation Commission

1. **Beyond Pesticides** – [beyondpesticides.org/resources/beyond-pesticides-resources](https://beyondpesticides.org/resources/beyond-pesticides-resources)
  - Outreach programs and materials on organic lawn care practices; list of products compatible with organic landscape management.
  - Health Effects of 40 Commonly Used Lawn Pesticides – [beyondpesticides.org/assets/media/Health%20Effects%20of%2040%20Lawn%20Pesticides%202021.pdf](https://beyondpesticides.org/assets/media/Health%20Effects%20of%2040%20Lawn%20Pesticides%202021.pdf)
  - Environmental Effects of 40 Commonly Used Lawn Pesticides - [beyondpesticides.org/assets/media/documents/Environmental%20Effects%2040%20Lawn%20Pesticides%202021.pdf](https://beyondpesticides.org/assets/media/documents/Environmental%20Effects%2040%20Lawn%20Pesticides%202021.pdf)
2. **City of Portland Sustainability Office/Pesticide Ordinance** – [portlandmaine.gov/2168/Pesticide-Ordinance](https://portlandmaine.gov/2168/Pesticide-Ordinance)
  - City of Portland Pesticide Ordinance; Think Blue Maine video
3. **City of South Portland Sustainability Office/Pesticide Use** – [southportland.org/departments/sustainability-office/pesticide-use](https://southportland.org/departments/sustainability-office/pesticide-use)
  - South Portland’s New Pesticide Use Ordinance; Outreach Materials; Events & Workshops
4. **Cumberland County Soil & Water Conservation District (CCSWCD)** – [cumberlandswcd.org/yardscape](https://cumberlandswcd.org/yardscape) for tips on Healthy Lawn Care for Healthy Communities, a list of local partner stores that sell products that align with the program, and a number of helpful lawn care fact sheets.
5. **Friends of Casco Bay (FOCB)** – [cascobay.org](https://cascobay.org)
  - See their BayScaping page – [cascobay.org/our-work/community-engagement/bayscaping/](https://cascobay.org/our-work/community-engagement/bayscaping/)
  - to download BayScaping tips on how to reduce your use of lawn chemicals.
6. **Kennebunkport Conservation Commission** – [kennebunkportme.gov/conservation-commission-0](https://kennebunkportme.gov/conservation-commission-0)
  - See their Lawns for Lobsters Brochure & Letter to Homeowners Using Lawn Care Companies
7. **LakeSmart** – [lakes.me/lakesmart](https://lakes.me/lakesmart)
  - Education & strategies for homeowners for natural landscaping to protect lake waters.
  - LakeSmart Toolkit [lakes.me/lakesmart-resources](https://lakes.me/lakesmart-resources)

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8. **Maine Audubon** – [maineaudubon.org/](http://maineaudubon.org/)
  - Conservation Resources & Publications [maineaudubon.org/projects/resources/](http://maineaudubon.org/projects/resources/)
  - Information about native plants Bringing Nature Home Project <https://maineaudubon.org/projects/plants/>
  
9. **Maine Board of Pesticide Control** - [maine.gov/dacf/php/pesticides/public/pest\\_mngt\\_resources.shtml](http://maine.gov/dacf/php/pesticides/public/pest_mngt_resources.shtml)
  - For Pest Management Resources for Master Gardeners, School IPM, Yardscaping, Got Pests?, Integrated Pest Management, Best Management Practices & Healthy Maine Lawns.
  
10. **Maine Organic Farmers & Gardeners Association (MOFGA)** – [mofga.org](http://mofga.org)
  - Establishing and Caring for an Organic Lawn (PDF) - [mofga.org/resources/fact-sheets/establishing-and-caring-for-an-organic-lawn/](http://mofga.org/resources/fact-sheets/establishing-and-caring-for-an-organic-lawn/)
  
11. **Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA)** – [organiclandcare.net](http://organiclandcare.net)
  - Introduction to Organic Land Care – [nofa.organiclandcare.net/homeowner-resources/](http://nofa.organiclandcare.net/homeowner-resources/)
  - Online certification course in organic lawn care
  - Maine accreditation course in organic lawn care
  - List of NOFA accredited Maine Organic Landscapers - [guide.organiclandcare.net/g/me](http://guide.organiclandcare.net/g/me)
  
12. **Think Blue Maine** – [thinkbluemaine.cumberlandswcd.com/](http://thinkbluemaine.cumberlandswcd.com/)
  - Homeowner tips for reducing stormwater runoff and pollution.
  
13. **Univ. of Maine Cooperative Extension** - [extension.umaine.edu/publications/home/garden-and-yard/](http://extension.umaine.edu/publications/home/garden-and-yard/)
  - Pest Identification and Management Fact Sheets
  - Cumberland County location at 75 Clearwater Dr. in Falmouth has free soil testing kits available.
  
14. **Wild Seed Project** – [wildseedproject.net](http://wildseedproject.net)
  - Ways to increase use of native plants in all landscape settings
  - Walks, Talks & Workshops