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Pittsford Toxin-Free Challenge and Responsible Lawn Care

Did you know the 3,100 acres of land maintained by the Town of Pittsford and its contractors use less chemical herbicides and pesticides each year than 2 – just 2! – residences with average-sized yards (half an acre) that use a lawn service?

This is why, last year, I started Pittsford’s Toxin-Free Lawn Challenge.

Many residents, like me, forego chemical treatments in favor of organic lawn care. Whether you go completely organic or are seeking to minimize use of synthetic chemicals on your lawn, my Toxic-Free Team and I have compiled a list of tips that can help you cultivate a healthy lawn that’s healthy for the environment as well.

If you decide to go toxin-free, please get and display our "Organic Yard" lawn sign. While Town Hall remains closed due to COVID-19, you can find them outside the front door of Town Hall at 11 South Main Street, next to the door. We’ll make them available through other channels as well.

You’ll find information and tips on maintaining a good-looking lawn without chemicals on the Town website – www.townofpittsford.org/toxin-free and www.townofpittsford.org/responsible-lawn-care.

Many thanks to the engaged residents who worked with my staff and me to plan the Toxin-Free Challenge and make it a reality!