

# WHERE TO GO & WHAT TO BUY

NAME*	PHONE	ORGANIC COMPOST	OTHER SOIL ENHANCERS	HORNET & WASP TRAPS	COPPER SLUG BARRIERS	OTHER PHYSICAL & MECHANICAL CONTROLS	OTHER LAWN AND/OR WATER GARDEN SERVICES	BIOLOGICAL CONTROLS	CITRUS INSECTICIDE	HORTICULTURAL OR DORMANT OIL	OTHER LOW TOXICITY CONTROLS	DOES NOT SELL PHOSPHORUS-FREE FERTILIZER
BANKSVILLE TRUE VALUE HARDWARE BEDFORD	914_234_2000	●	●	●	●	●			●	●	●	
BEDFORD HILLS NURSERY	914_666_0374	●	●			●		●	●		●	●
BERKSHIRE NURSERY & FLORIST PATTERSON	845_878_9383		●			●				●	●	●
BREWSTER GARDEN CENTER	845_279_2665	●	●			●	●		●		●	
COOPER'S CORNER NURSERY NEW ROCHELLE	914_632_2647	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	
GREELEY HOME & HARDWARE CHAPPAQUA	914_238_4474	●	●	●		●		●	●	●	●	
GREEN VALLEY NURSERY HAWTHORNE	914_769_1201		●	●	1	●	●	●	●		●	
HOME DEPOT #1248 YONKERS	914_963_3003	●	●			●					●	●
HOME DEPOT #6209 DANBURY, CT	203_730_9600	●	●			●		●			●	●
LARCHMONT NURSERIES	914_834_5802	●	●			●	●	●		●	●	
LIEB'S NURSERY NEW ROCHELLE	914_632_5599	●	●			●	●	●		●	●	
MIDDLEBRANCH FARM BREWSTER	845_279_5737		●			●	●			●	●	
MILL RIVER SUPPLY BEDFORD HILLS	914_666_5774	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	
MILLWOOD GARDEN SUPPLY	914_762_5552	●	●	●	●	●		●		●	●	
RED FOX GARDENS BREWSTER	845_278_7010	●	●	●		●		●		●	●	
ROSEDALES HAWTHORNE	914_769_1300	●	●	●		●	●	●		●	●	
STEW LEONARDS YONKERS	914_375_4700		●								●	●
TONY'S NURSERIES LARCHMONT	914_834_2172	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	

1 WOULD STOCK IF ASKED

# PESTICIDE-FREE GARDENING

WHERE TO GO & WHAT TO BUY A CONSUMER'S GUIDE TO ORGANIC PRODUCTS & SERVICES IN WESTCHESTER & PUTNAM

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No pesticide or herbicide is safe. They're designed to be toxic to the pests they target—and they can also harm humans, pets and the good bugs that keep the bad bugs in check. In addition, these potent chemicals pollute the air, water, and soil.

So what's a gardener to do? Instead of relying on chemicals, keep an eye out for weeds, diseases and pests so you can catch them before they do major damage. When damage occurs, use methods that are either nontoxic or have low toxicity.



## SOIL ENHANCERS



**Organic compost:** Organic matter and beneficial microorganisms enrich the soil.

**Compost tea/organic liquid soil conditioner:** Liquid compost that's often sprayed.

**Fertilizer:** Have your soil tested first to determine fertilizer needs. Go organic and remember to use phosphorus-free fertilizer in the New York City Watershed and slow-release (water-insoluble) nitrogen fertilizer in the L.I. Sound Watershed.

**Microbial compost starter:** Gets compost pile off to a quick start with beneficial organisms.

**Rock dust minerals:** (stonemeal) Minerals and trace elements to nourish plants.

## PHYSICAL AND MECHANICAL CONTROLS

### LANDSCAPERS\*

Homeowners who hire a gardener are often unaware of or unfamiliar with the chemicals that are being applied to their lawns. Only use licensed landscapers who are knowledgeable in non-toxic, water-friendly practices, such as:

Ace Landscaping Corp.  
914-234-6990

Aesthetic Landscape Care Inc.  
914-478-7320

Arborscape Inc. 845-940-0555

Blue Lawns 914-698-4001

Brothers Lawn & Landscape  
914-734-1769

Carmine Labriola Contracting Corp.  
914-723-0600

J. Aquilino Landscaping Co.  
914-455-3761

Neave Landscaping  
845-463-0592/914-271-7996

Pride Landscaping, Inc.  
914-476-9469

White Garden Designs  
914-698-1494

**Copper slug barriers:** Flexible copper strips that encircle plants.

**Netting:** Keeps birds and deer off plants.

**Sticky barriers:** Prevent pests from crawling up shrubs and trees.

**Gypsy moth/Japanese beetle/Hornet/Wasp traps:** Lures that trap pests.

## BIOLOGICAL CONTROLS

**Beneficial nematodes:** Microscopic worms that prey on grubs.

**Bt (Bacillus thuringiensis):** Water dunks kill mosquitoes, harmless to mammals and fish.

**Milky spore bacteria:** Kills 40 different types of grubs.

## LOW TOXICITY CONTROLS

**Citrus insecticide:** Effective against a range of insects with very low-toxicity to mammals.

**Diatomaceous earth:** Fossilized shells of tiny organisms called diatoms—works for slugs, ants, cockroaches and fleas.

**Insecticidal soap:** A spray that smothers soft-bodied insects like mites and aphids.

**Horticultural oil/Dormant oil:** Suffocates pests such as woody adelgid and mites.

**Corn gluten:** A corn by-product that inhibits weed germination and provides nitrogen to soil.

**Herbicidal soap:** Effective for seedlings because it kills by dehydration.

**Sulfur fungicide:** kills bacterial and fungal disease, algae and mites on contact.

**Horticultural vinegar:** Dries up weeds and is also effective as a cleaning product on sidewalks and patios.

\*Not an endorsement. This information was conveyed to NYPIRG and LWVW during in-person and telephone surveys conducted during February, March and April 2004.

If you own a store or landscape company and want to be added to this list, please visit our website at [www.greenlawnsbluewaters.org](http://www.greenlawnsbluewaters.org) and click on Survey.

Kicking the chemical habit takes time and patience and requires that you rethink your notion of a perfect lawn. In a season or two, your garden will look better and be healthier.