

# Is Your Lawn Out of Control?

Are you a resident of the City of Fredericksburg or of the County of Stafford or Spotsylvania?  
Do you mow dirt instead of grass?  
Is the only thing green in your yard weeds?  
Are you looking for a way to have a lush lawn while being environmentally friendly?



**Then you need the  
Smart Green Lawns Program!**

The Smart Green Lawns Program, which is offered March 1 through October 31 annually...

- will save you time and money by giving you a specific plan for your lawn
- protects your neighborhood streams, lakes, ponds, and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay

Depending upon the current condition of your lawn, converting to the Smart Green Lawn practices will take some time and planning. Don't delay, sign up today!

## SMART GREEN LAWNS STRENGTHENS YOUR GRASS

- \* Grass is a high maintenance plant
- \* To grow grass well you have to understand it's needs
- \* Healthy grass is the best defense against weeds, pests and diseases in your lawn
- \* Environmentally sound practices help protect our waterways.

When you sign up for the Smart Green Lawns Program by filling out the registration form and paying the \$45 registration fee, a Master Gardener Volunteer will come and:

- Collect a soil sample (registration fee includes one sample, there is a \$15 charge for each additional sample taken at your request.)
- Measure your total lawn area

You will receive

- A Smart Green Lawns care handbook
- A customized lime & fertilizer plan for your lawn

The Smart Green Lawns Program will help you learn turf fertilization, maintenance practices and timing that prevent problems based on the research conducted at Virginia Tech and Virginia State Universities.

*For more information please contact the Stafford Unit of VCE at 540-658-8000 or visit our website at [www.offices.ext.vt.edu/stafford](http://www.offices.ext.vt.edu/stafford)*



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