

Barrington Area Conservation Trust



Checklist for Recognizing Businesses & Organizations

This checklist is the basis for Barrington Area Conservation Trust's Conservation@Work certification program, which has been carefully designed to recognize businesses and organizations that are conscientiously improving the natural world for wildlife and humanity.

1. Native plants, trees, and shrubs for wildlife (COMPLETE 3)
*Locally grown native plants that have been purchased from businesses listed on BACT's "recommended native plants sources" or other reputable sources
☐ Incorporates a variety of native flowers and grasses into existing landscape*
☐ Incorporates a variety of trees and shrubs into existing landscape*
☐ Manages property for invasive species
☐ Has as a least 1 native oak tree per acre
☐ Leaves native plants standing in fall to provide wildlife food and shelter
2. Water stewardship (COMPLETE 3)
☐ Reduces runoff with a rain permeable patio, walk, or driveway
☐ Directs water from downspouts to a rain garden, rain barrel, or bioswale to help retain and filter water
☐ Directs downspouts to a bed of rocks to slow the flow of water and reduce erosion
☐ Provides effective shoreline buffer to filter water and minimize erosion
3. Landscape care (COMPLETE 2)
☐ Leaves grass clippings in place (unless composted)
☐ Uses a non-petroleum lawnmower (such as an electric, propane, or reel)
☐ Does not use lawn or garden chemicals (or conducts minimal spot treatments)
☐ Uses autumn leaves to mulch trees, shrubs, or flowerbed
☐ Protects or restores existing or pre-existing high quality natural areas
☐ Provides natural areas for relaxation & reflection that enhance client and employee experience and satisfaction
4. Conservation ethics (COMPLETE 3)
☐ Volunteers to improve native landscapes in the Barrington communities
☐ Turns off most lights when no one is in the room
☐ Has a recycling program
☐ Provides programs or activities that promote positive conservation values
☐ Has a composting program