

APPENDIX A

Lawn and Garden Care Survey

The Center for Ecological Technology (CET), a local, non-profit organization, is conducting this survey to understand how people in Berkshire County care for their lawns and gardens. It will take 5-10 minutes. If you complete the survey, you may enter a drawing for either two free tickets to the Triplex Cinema in Great Barrington or a \$25 gift certificate to the Berkshire Mall in Lanesboro.

1. Who is the primary person who takes care of your lawn? (*circle one response*):

Myself - 233 (51%) Family member – 125 (27.5%) Landlord – 20 (4.4%) Landscaper – 32(7%)
I pay someone other than a landscaper – 44 (9.9%)

2. Who is the primary person who takes care of your gardens/landscaping? (*circle one response*):

Myself – 290 (65%) Family member – 110 (24.8%) Landlord – 16 (3.6%) Landscaper – 14 (3.2%)
I pay someone other than a landscaper - 13 (2.9%)

How often is each of the following products used in your lawn and/or garden? (*circle one response*):

3. Pesticide/insecticide: Never – 297 (69.7%) 1-3 times/year – 113 (26.5%) 4-5 times/year – 10
(2.5%) 6 or more times/year – 6 (1.4%)

4. Chemical fertilizer: Never - 253 (58.7%) 1-3 times/year – 159 (36.9%) 4-5 times/year – 14
(3.2%) 6 or more times/year – 5 (1.1%)

5. Herbicides/fungicide: Never – 318 (78.9%) 1-3 times/year – 77 (19.1%) 4-5 times/year – 3
(.74%) 6 or more times/year – 5 (1.2%)

6. Non-chemical practices such as compost, companion planting, home remedies:

Never – 138 (32.6%) 1-3 times/year – 195 (46.1%) 4-5 times/year – 26 (6.1%) 6 or more
times/year – 64 (15.1%)

7. What do you consider your major pests or weeds? See Report

8. Please list the products used in your lawn or garden.

(Brand name or active ingredient): See Report

9. I get information about chemical fertilizer, pesticide, or herbicide I purchase or use from (*Circle all that apply*):

(Numbers are total affirmative responses)

Don't purchase or use any products (skip to question 15): 157 Hardware store - 158 Garden store - 65
Landscaper/lawn care company - 123 Neighbor – 21 Advertising -25 Books/magazines -35
Internet - 69 Other - 30

When you purchase fertilizer, pesticide or herbicide, how important is each of the following?

Record your response using a number from the response scale below:

1	2	3	4
Not Important	Somewhat Important	Very Important	Extremely Important

	Average	Median	Mean	Total Number
8. ___ Cost	2.3	2	2	242
9. ___ Ease of application	2.8	3	3	239
10. ___ Rapid results	2.4	2	2	237
11. ___ Safe to use	3.4	4	4	253
12. ___ Familiar with product	2.4	2	2	235

PLEASE USE THE SCALE BELOW TO ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS CONCERNING LAWN AND GARDEN CARE.

Strongly Know	Moderately	Slightly	Slightly	Moderately	Strongly	Don't
Disagree	Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Agree	Agree	7
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

13. ___ An attractive lawn is a weed-free lawn.	3.6	4	5	442
14. ___ It doesn't bother me to see weeds such as dandelions in my yard.	4.1	4	6	446
15. ___ A green, weed-free lawn enhances the value of my home.	4.1	4	5	408
16. ___ When neighbors don't maintain a weed-free lawn, the neighborhood looks less attractive.	3.4	4	1	437
17. ___ I do <u>not</u> feel I need to keep my lawn as green and weed-free as my neighbors'.	4.7	5	6	437
18. ___ Chemical fertilizer is necessary for a healthy, attractive lawn and garden.	3.2	1	1	407
19. ___ Chemical fertilizer is safe.	2.4	2	1	397
20. ___ A beautiful lawn and garden are possible without the use of chemical fertilizer or herbicides.	5.5	6	6	390

	Average	Median	Mean	Total Number
21. With products such as pesticides or herbicides, the more you use, the more effective the product is.	1.6	1	1	342
22. ___ Most of the dangerous garden pesticides have been banned by the government.	2.6	2	1	331
23. ___ Pesticide use contaminates drinking water and ground water.	5.2	6	6	396
24. ___ Chemical products in the lawn and garden become harmless within days after they are applied.	2	1	1	326

If you use no chemical pesticides, herbicides or fertilizers in your yard, skip to question 37.

25. ___ I would like to use more natural gardening methods.	5.1			129
26. ___ I would like to learn more about using integrated pest management to care for my lawn and garden.	4.9			131
27. ___ I would like to learn more about organic methods to care for my lawn and garden.	4.9			135
28. ___ I would like to learn more about less toxic methods to care for my lawn and garden.	5.1			137
29. ___ I am willing to spend more time for a pesticide free lawn and garden.	4.2			132
30. ___ I would like my local store to stock and promote less toxic products for my lawn and garden.	5.1			130
31. ___ I would be willing to pay <i>up to</i> 20% more for garden products or landscaping services, that are less toxic.	4.4			132

If you use a landscaping company that applies chemicals to your yard or garden, please answer the following questions. If not, please skip to question 37.

Strongly Know Disagree 1	Moderately Disagree 2	Slightly Disagree 3	Slightly Agree 4	Moderately Agree 5	Strongly Agree 6	Don't 7
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32. ___ I'm not concerned about safety and health risks from products my lawncare or landscaping company uses in my lawn or garden.	2.6	2	1	37
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47. Uncaged pets at home?: Yes- 260(60%) (If yes, how many____) No –173(40%)

48. Source of drinking water: Town – 258(59.4%) Private company – 23(5.3%)

Well – 132(30.4%) Other – 18(4.15%)
