

Water Minute # 28 - True Green Lawns – 60 seconds

What is “true green” when it comes to our lawns? A lush carpet without a flaw—or a healthy lawn that contributes its part to the “green”—the health of our environment?

More and more people are moving towards the second definition, some simply because they have “a kid and a dog,” others because they recognize that using organic products on their lawns is good for the environment—and the neighbors—around them.

Making the transition to organically maintained lawns won’t happen overnight. But each of us can do our part by asking our local garden store or lawn service to offer organic alternatives to chemical fertilizers and herbicides. Alternatives might include grass clippings, corn gluten meal, bone meal, dried blood, cottonseed meal—all these supply the soil with vital nutrients without destroying the lawn’s microorganisms and earthworms. Although results may take a bit longer, many who have made the shift find themselves very satisfied. You too can be sure that your lawn is “TRUE GREEN”!

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