Landscape Design Checklist

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# Tasks:

☐ **Pollution Prevention**

☐ **'Grasscycle' as often as possible.**

☐ **Reduce fertilizer and pesticide runoff.**

☐ **Phase out the scheduled application of synthetic fertilizers and pesticides.**

☐ **Use environmentally-sound fertilizing practices.**

☐ **Reduce potential pest problems by planting a variety of species.**

☐ **Limit habitat and breeding areas for rodents, mosquitoes, and flies.**

☐ **Use natural herbicides and beneficial nematodes.**

☐ **Use climate appropriate, hardy, pest-resistant plants.**

☐ **Spray compost tea for disease management and nutrient cycling.**

☐ **Change chemical spaying frequency from periodic to 'as required'.**

☐ **Use proper pruning technique.**

☐ **Keep gas mowers well-tuned and in good repair.**

☐ **Schedule excavation and grading projects for the dry weather season.**

☐ **Waste Reduction**

☐ **Incorporate into design the protection of established trees and native soils.**

☐ **Space plants properly.**

☐ **Use plants that will not grow too large for their space.**

☐ **Use trees and shrubs that do not require frequent shearing.**

☐ **Plant species that are appropriate for the microclimates.**

☐ **Do not use invasive plant species.**

☐ **Save soil for use at a different site.**

☐ **Water Conservation**

☐ **Use low and medium water use plants.**

☐ **Use hydrozoning - group plants with similar water needs on the same irrigation valve.**

☐ **Use mulch in all non-turf planted areas.**

☐ **Use design elements that prevent water run off.**

☐ **Use professionally certified irrigation technicians and/or landscape water managers to install the irrigation system.**

☐ **Install drip irrigation systems.**

☐ **Use reclaimed water for irrigation.**

☐ **Install rain shut-off devices.**

☐ **Install irrigation controllers.**