



12 Ways to Improve Your Soil and Landscape Health

- 1) Test your soil for composition and nutrient deficiencies
- 2) Use organic fertilizers and reduce synthetic pesticide use
- 3) Minimize the size of your lawn
- 4) Let clover, dandelion, and other beneficial weeds grow
- 5) Plant a diversity of pollinator-friendly native plants
- 6) Plant keystone trees: White Oak, Sugar Maple, Black Cherry
- 7) Spread compost and mulch (grass clippings, shredded leaves, straw, hay, woodchips) around your garden, lawn, and trees
- 8) Test your soil's compaction with a penetrometer (and address any compaction issues with an aerator)
- 9) Reduce tillage in your vegetable garden
- 10) Leave fallen leaves and grass clippings on your lawn
- 11) Keep plant residues (roots, stems, leaves) in your vegetable garden
- 12) Plant companion plants and cover crops in your vegetable garden



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