

NRWA Responsible Business Network Company Environmental Pledge

Name of Company*

Street, City, State, Zip

Telephone

Email

Website

Name of Owner or Designee

Signature

Date signed

I state that the company and its employees will try their best to fulfill the pledges below.

- To conserve water, not allow it to leak or run needlessly, and to see that irrigation, if necessary, is done between 6 AM and 9 AM to avoid evaporation and burning of plants.
- To ensure that no hazardous chemicals, medications, or non-degradable items – whether waste is handled by a septic system or a sewage treatment plant – are flushed or poured down any drain at the company.
- To ensure that no hazardous substances are poured outside on the ground or down a storm drain, thereby posing a threat to water quality.
- To notify the grounds maintenance crew to eliminate or reduce the use of lawn fertilizers and, if used, to apply only a single dose of slow-release or organic fertilizer per year in early to mid-fall, and never before a heavy rain in order to avoid contaminated runoff.
- To notify the grounds maintenance crew to reduce or eliminate the use of herbicides and pesticides.
- To direct the grounds maintenance crew not to blow or rake fall leaves or any other vegetation into wetlands or watercourses.
- To avoid planting, to remove, or to control plants identified on the state's Invasive Plant List (e.g., Winged Euonymus and Japanese Barberry). To view list, visit the Invasive Plant Working Group, www.hort.uconn.edu/cipwg/.
- To install or maintain vegetated buffers, pervious surfaces and/or pavers, and other devices (such as separators, infiltration devices, rain gardens, etc.) to help control stormwater runoff and to curtail erosion and pollution.
- To use sand, Calcium Chloride, or Calcium Magnesium Acetate (CMA) – not Sodium Chloride – for traction on snowy or icy walks and driveways and for better health.
- For companies on a septic system: To have the septic tank pumped by a licensed septic professional every 2-3 years, or more frequently if necessary; also to report any leak or malfunctioning of the septic system to the local Health Department; and to take immediate action to correct any problem(s).
- To make sure that company dumpsters are closed and do not permit garbage to be blown or washed into nearby wetlands or streams.
- To see to it that the company lands are cleared of outdoor litter at least once a month.

*Please mail the signed Company Pledge, along with your Business Contributor Form, to:
NRWA, P.O. Box 197, Georgetown, CT 06829.*

**Please print company name as desired for newsletter, press, and website listings, and indicate any specific actions taken regarding the above-listed topics that you would like noted.*