



## Our Green Environmental Policies

- Our chipped debris is always spread at the job site or brought back to our facility where it is composted for resale or donated.
- We continue to update our fleet of trucks, purchasing only those that use new low-sulfur diesel, or for our smaller truck needs, those that have high efficiency/mile per gallon ratings.
- We encourage all of our clients to leave large, coarse wood debris within their landscape to promote micro-fauna, natural decay and soil enrichment.
- Within our Land Enhancement division all of the trees we remove are of low or invasive quality, leaving the healthy, highest quality trees to be released.
- All of the material generated during our Land Enhancement projects are chipped back into the wooded landscape. This chipped material initially acts as mulch for the residual trees and breaks down readily, enriching the soil.
- Larger material generated from our jobs is shipped to second end manufacturers, from sawmills to power generation factories, or is processed into firewood.
- Oil generated from the maintenance of our vehicle fleet is donated to local markets who utilize the material for heating of their buildings in the winter.
- Many of our tree removal and pruning jobs are for increased light and solar exposure on client properties.
- We recommend coniferous plantings for buffering northern winds and deciduous plantings for southern exposures, thereby reducing seasonal heating and cooling costs for our clients.
- We encourage clients to appreciate the aesthetic contribution wildlife trees will add to the landscape when appropriate.
- All of our company literature is comprised of recycled materials whenever possible.
- By definition, tree planting contributes to the production of oxygen and the reduction of carbon in our atmosphere. We plant hundreds of trees every year.

- We emphasize effective natural and organic treatments whenever possible for tree, shrub and turf care.
- We encourage the planting of native trees and shrubs for wildlife habitat enhancement.
- Whenever possible we schedule large tree removals when the ground is frozen to reduce the disruption of the soil and surrounding environment.
- We use timer systems for watering our tree nursery and for irrigation systems installed for our clients..
- When we remodeled our corporate headquarters in 2006 we installed the most energy efficient systems available at the time: super insulation of the entire project, natural spectrum lighting, and cooling and heating systems on timers. Our main headquarters is totally heated and supplied with hot water by wood, another way we recycle waste material from our projects. Even on the coldest winter days the heating system often does not come on and the ambient temperature of the building never falls below 62 degrees.
- We recycle all office paper, catalogs, food containers, cardboard, paper board and ink cartridges for all of our office equipment.
- New studies have shown that properly managed turf grasses remove five to seven times the carbon from the air than is produced by today's typical lawn mower. We take pride in providing extremely well-cared for landscapes for our clients.
- Our Mission Statement underscores our continuing efforts to improve our green policies:

Our mission is to establish **chippers** as the premier provider of services in the areas of Tree Preservation, Forestry, Turf & Soil Care and Land Enhancement. To do so, we strive everyday to:

- Exceed our clients' expectations through personalized service, professionalism and quality workmanship.
- Provide a workplace that encourages personal and professional development, based on our employment philosophy of being firm, fair, flexible and fun.
- Conduct our business with safety and integrity as utmost concerns.
- Contribute to the aesthetics and sustainability of our communities and our environment.
- Recognize that fiscal health is crucial to our future success.