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We will be presenting some of our design ideas to combat our region's drought at The [Darien Nature Center](#) on March 30, Stamford's [Bartlett Arboretum](#) on April 6th and Westport's [Earthplace](#) on April 26th. Visit these website for times and directions.



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We want to thank all of our wonderful clients who have given us the privilege of working on their properties.

Jay Petrow

The Garden in March

Greetings!

I apologize for yet another newsletter on our region's drought but the weather was abnormally dry last summer and even though it seems like its been wet lately, The U.S. Drought Monitor still considers much of Connecticut in moderate or severe drought. Moving forward, what can we all do to conserve water in our local landscapes?

Because our region's drought has persisted, everyone should be considering replacing parts of their lawn with drought tolerant plants. Lawns on average use 20,000 gallons of water a year.



The following are some examples of natural looking landscapes that use plants in water conserving ecological plantings. These aesthetically pleasing designs will not only help the local ecology but also add beauty to your property.

What Can I Replace my Lawn With?

NO-MOW LAWN: Replace your lawn with a seed mix of fine fescues that are drought tolerant and only need to be mowed once or twice a year. This will not only save water, but help the environment by not using polluting fertilizers and mower exhaust.



No-mow lawns of fine fescues work in shade or sun

GREEN MULCH: Plant groundcover plants that don't need much water once established in areas where grass has difficulty growing anyway, like shady dry areas. A solid layer of plants will also act as mulch to keep the ground cool and moist.



Jay's creative vision, coupled with his horticultural knowledge, produces extraordinary landscapes for his clients.

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Hay scented ferns are aggressive spreaders to cover the ground in dry shade.

FOR SUNNY AREAS PLANT A MEADOW: Prairie plants have very long root systems, up to 15 feet long, that enable them to withstand long periods of drought. Many native flowers and grasses will do particularly well under extremely dry conditions and will quickly outcompete weeds that prefer moist soil.

Meadows can be a community of mostly native grasses or, in more designed meadows, there can be up to 60-80% flowering natives.



Native grasses will outcompete weeds in a dry sunny location



Colorful design using native and non-native plants by Landscape Designer Adam Woodruff



Piet Oudolf design using mostly flowers with a soft, colorful palette

Please consider removing part of your lawn to help our region's ecology as well as enriching your visual experience at home. If you have questions about how to begin this process, please give us a call.

Sincerely,



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PetrowGardens Landscape Design creates unique landscape solutions by integrating classic design principles of repetition of shapes, harmonization of colors, and use of contrasting textures and forms with artistic expression. The resulting gardens promise to be inviting to explore and stimulating to your senses. Native and non-native plants that provide seasonal interest for both you and the wildlife in our region are used in our designs.