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Organic Lawn Care

Today on Gardening in a Minute: organic lawn care.

More people are now considering the environmental impacts of their lawn care programs, creating a renewed interest in organic lawn care.

The term "organic" covers many aspects of lawn care, including what fertilizer you use and how you deal with the pests, but the basic concept is to follow practices that cause minimal harm to the environment.

If you want to go organic, start with an integrated pest management strategy and use the least toxic pest control methods first.

You'll need to do some research before fertilizing, since many different organic fertilizers are available. When you fertilize, always follow recommended application rates.

Finally, remember that maintaining an organic lawn takes both time and money, and not all lawn products labeled as "organic" are created equal.

For more information about organic lawn care and many other gardening topics, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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