

# Rye Healthy Yard & Pollinator Pathway Pledge Checklists

Join your neighbors in helping to make Rye healthy and beautiful for all -- people, pets and pollinators alike! For more information, visit [RyeSustainability.com](http://RyeSustainability.com).

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_



## Healthy Yard:

Creating an outdoor space that is beautiful, safe and healthy is easy to do! Natural landscaping protects not only your own family, but also protects our community and environment at large. Complete the Rye Sustainability Committee's Healthy Yard pledge checklist to qualify for and receive a free Healthy Yard sign.

*Please check all boxes that apply under each Healthy Yard category to **receive A FREE SIGN** that will be personally delivered to your house:*

### Sustainable Gardening/Lawn Practices [Check at least two options]

- ☐ Reduce Lawn Areas
- ☐ Use Native Plants
- ☐ Remove Invasive Plants
- ☐ Practice Integrated Pest Management
- ☐ Responsible Watering Practices (e.g.: early am, rain cut-off, infrequently)
- ☐ Use Rakes, Brooms or Mulch instead of Leaf Blowers
- ☐ Drip or Soaker Hose for Irrigation
- ☐ Leave Grass Clippings in Place
- ☐ Mow High

### Organic Practices [Check at least one option]

- ☐ Eliminate Chemical Lawn Fertilizers
- ☐ Eliminate Chemical Lawn Pesticides (including tick/mosquito sprays)

### Soil and Water Conservation [Check at least two options]

- ☐ Compost
- ☐ Capture Rain Water from the Roof
- ☐ Reduce Erosion (Ground cover, terraces)
- ☐ Rain Garden
- ☐ Mulch Leaves
- ☐ Limit Water Use



## Pollinator Pathway:

Take your healthy yard pledge a step further and join an expanding network of properties in Rye and beyond that are establishing pollinator-friendly habitats and food sources for bees, butterflies, and other pollinating insects and wildlife. Pledge takers will have their properties **highlighted in green pen** on the City of Rye Pollinator Pathway map housed in the foyer of the Rye Nature Center.

### Organic Practices [Must check]

- ☐ Eliminate the use of all chemically derived pesticides, insecticides, herbicides, fungicides, fertilizers etc., except on rare occasions to resolve an infestation or to improve habitat for native plants and wildlife

### Native Plants [Must check]

- ☐ Plant and maintain at least three native plants on property (can be trees, shrubs, flowers etc)