



**Welcome to the River-Friendly Resident
Certification Program!
New Jersey Water Supply Authority
Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association**



Certification Questionnaire

When it rains, storm water runoff carries pollutants (e.g. litter, oil, soil, hazardous substances), into our waterways. This type of pollution is called non-point source (NPS) pollution. More than 90% of NPS pollutants come from residential areas, golf courses, agricultural fields, parking lots and construction sites. Polluted runoff poses a great threat to the quality of drinking water across the nation. The River-Friendly Resident Program is designed to help residents reduce the amount of non-point source pollution generated by their properties.

Please answer the following survey to determine if you qualify as a River Friendly Resident! You must complete 75% of the applicable actions to qualify.

Date: _____

Name: _____

*Street Address: _____

*City: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

*** Required info.**

Who usually maintains your property?

? You or someone in your family ? Property manager ? Lawn-care company

? Other: _____

	Action	Yes	No	Not Applicable
Stormwater Management Actions				
1	I pick up after my pet. I dispose of the waste in the toilet or trash.			
2	My gutters are directed away from paved areas onto vegetation or into a rain barrel.			
3	I planted groundcovers or other vegetation or use mulch to cover exposed soil areas.			
4	I dispose of household chemicals properly.			
Lawn & Garden Maintenance Actions				
5	? I never water my lawn or ? I water my lawn early in the morning or later in the evening (not during the heat of the day) or ? I water my lawn only through an irrigation system with a soil moisture sensor.			
6	I mow my lawn at the highest setting.			
7	I perform soil tests at least every other year.			
For questions 8-11 check N/A if you do not use fertilizers/pesticides in your yard.				
8	I use soil test results to guide fertilization of my yard.			
9	I follow the directions on pesticides and fertilizers when I use them.			
10	I use organic slow release fertilizer or compost on my lawn.			
11	I do not use pesticides or fertilizers within 10 feet of my stream (or other water body). (Check NA if you do not have a waterbody on your property)			

12	There is at least 10 feet of undisturbed-not mowed vegetation along my stream (or other water body).			
13	I leave the grass clippings on the lawn.			
14	I converted a portion of my lawn to garden or natural vegetation using native species.			
15	I apply an integrated approach for controlling unwanted insects, weeds and animals (e.g. pulling weeds, spraying pests of plants with water, using barrier fences).			
Water Conservation Actions				
16	I use water collected in a rain barrel for watering my garden.			
17	I have spray/shut-off nozzles attached to watering hoses.			
18	I have at least 1 low flow toilet in my house, or at least 1 toilet has been modified to function as low flow.			
19	I have at least 1 low flow shower head in my house.			
20	I have faucet aerators installed on at least 2 faucets.			
Wildlife & Habitat Enhancement Actions				
21	I plant native species of plants on my property.			
22	I remove invasive plants from my property.			
23	I have birdhouses or bathhouses on my property.			
Septic System Maintenance Actions				
24	I know the location of my septic tank and drain field.			
25	My septic system is pumped and maintained every 3-5 years. Date of last pumping:			
Education/Outreach Actions				
26	I participated in a stream or neighborhood cleanup in 2007/2008/2009.			
27	I attended an educational class or hike on a landscape related topic.			
Score				

Calculating your score:

$$\square \text{ Number of Yes Actions } ? \square \text{ Number Applicable } = \square \times 100 = \square \%$$

Haven't completed 75% of the applicable actions or want to complete more actions?

Check here if you would like assistance completing more actions. ___

Check here if you do not want to receive River-Friendly tips via email ___

We are very pleased that you have decided to join this free, voluntary stewardship program. Your pledge to manage your property using river-friendly techniques is a very important step toward reducing non-point source pollution in your watershed!

Please complete this form and mail to:

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We love pictures! If you would like, send us some photos of your River-Friendly property!