

Commitment to The Environment Policy

Evergreen Lawn Care

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At Evergreen Lawn Care, we believe that our business has a responsibility to protect and nurture the environment while delivering high quality lawn care and garden maintenance services. Our commitment to environmental sustainability is at the heart of everything we do, from the products we use to the way we operate. We strive to enhance the beauty of outdoor spaces while minimising our environmental footprint and promoting biodiversity.

Our Commitment

We are dedicated to:

- Minimising the environmental impact of our operations by reducing waste, conserving natural resources, and promoting sustainable practices.
- Using eco-friendly products and techniques that protect soil health, water quality, and local wildlife.
- Continuously improving our environmental performance by staying informed of new developments in sustainable lawn care and gardening practices.

Environmental Objectives

Our key environmental objectives focus on the following areas:

1. Sustainable Lawn Care and Gardening Practices

We are committed to using sustainable methods that protect and enhance the natural environment. This includes:

- **Minimising Chemical Use:** We prioritise the use of organic and biodegradable products to reduce the need for harmful chemicals such as synthetic fertilisers and pesticides wherever possible. When chemicals are necessary, we apply them carefully and responsibly to prevent overuse or contamination.
- **Soil Health:** By promoting the use of natural compost, mulching, and aeration techniques, we enhance the long-term health of the soil, improving its structure, fertility, and water retention.
- **Water Conservation:** We offer solutions like drip irrigation, rainwater harvesting, and soil moisture management to help clients conserve water while keeping their lawns and gardens healthy.

2. Supporting Biodiversity

We recognise the importance of fostering biodiversity in gardens and outdoor spaces. Our efforts include:

- Planting native species that support local wildlife, such as bees, butterflies, and other pollinators.
- Avoiding the use of invasive plant species that can disrupt local ecosystems.
- Encouraging the creation of wildlife-friendly areas such as wildflower meadows, hedgerows, and ponds that provide habitats for birds, insects, and small animals.

3. Waste Reduction and Recycling

We are committed to reducing waste at every stage of our operations:

- **Composting:** Organic waste such as grass clippings, leaves, and plant debris is composted whenever possible, reducing the amount of waste sent to landfill and providing nutrient-rich material for future use.
- **Recycling:** We segregate recyclable materials such as plastic containers, cardboard, and metal, ensuring they are properly processed through local recycling facilities.
- **Minimising Single-Use Products:** We aim to minimise the use of single-use plastics and packaging materials in our operations, opting for reusable or recyclable alternatives wherever possible.

4. Energy Efficiency

We are committed to reducing our carbon footprint by:

- Using energy efficient tools and equipment, such as battery powered mowers and trimmers, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and noise pollution.
- Consolidating routes and schedules to minimise fuel consumption during transportation.
- Exploring renewable energy options, such as solar-powered equipment, to further reduce our reliance on fossil fuels.

5. Education and Awareness

We believe that environmental responsibility is a shared commitment. We actively promote environmental awareness among our team and clients by:

- Providing regular training to our team on sustainable lawn care practices and the latest environmentally-friendly technologies.
- Offering clients advice on eco-friendly gardening techniques, such as choosing native plants, reducing water usage, and creating wildlife-friendly habitats.

6. Compliance with Environmental Legislation

Evergreen Lawn Care adheres to all relevant UK environmental legislation, including the *Environmental Protection Act 1990* and the *Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981*. We ensure that our business activities comply with regulations regarding waste disposal, chemical use, and the protection of wildlife and natural habitats.

Continuous Improvement

Our commitment to environmental sustainability is ongoing. We regularly review and assess our environmental practices, seeking ways to improve our performance and reduce our impact. This includes:

- Staying up-to-date with new technologies, techniques, and regulations that can help us further reduce our environmental footprint.
- Regularly evaluating our suppliers to ensure they meet our sustainability criteria, from sourcing eco-friendly products to reducing the carbon footprint of deliveries.

Engagement with Clients & Suppliers

We are committed to fostering a culture of environmental responsibility not only within our business but also among our clients, suppliers, and the communities we serve. We encourage our clients to adopt sustainable gardening practices and engage with local environmental initiatives that protect and enhance the natural environment.

Responsibility and Accountability

Our team is responsible for overseeing the implementation of this policy. We expect all team members to adhere to the principles outlined in this document and contribute to the company's environmental goals. We also expect our suppliers and partners to share our commitment to environmental sustainability.

Review

This policy will be reviewed annually or in response to significant changes in legislation, industry best practices, or operational activities, ensuring we continue to lead in sustainable lawn care and garden maintenance.

At Evergreen Lawn Care, we are proud of our role in maintaining and enhancing outdoor spaces across the UK while safeguarding the environment for future generations.

Through responsible practices, innovation, and education, we aim to be a leader in environmentally-friendly lawn care.

For further information about our environmental policies, or to discuss how we can help you create a sustainable garden, please contact us at: enquiries@evergreenlawncare.co.uk.

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