



Best Practices: **Parish Grounds**

Lawns

- **Reduce lawn cover by planting low maintenance ground cover, vegetable gardens, or trees**
- **Practice grass-cycling (leaving clippings on the ground)**
- **Cut grass at a level of 6 or 7 cm high**
- **Avoid all use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides**



Gardens & Trees

- **Plant native species of plants and trees**
- **Choose perennials over annuals**
- **Plant vegetable gardens and fruit trees to transform parish grounds into productive land**
- **Encourage habitat for birds by hanging nesting boxes**

Watering

- **Be mindful of recent weather patterns to avoid over watering**
- **Use a rain barrel for use during dry spells**
- **When needed, water early, deeply, and less frequently**



Equipment

- **Use elbow grease or electric equipment for looking after the parish grounds**
- **Limit use of gas powered equipment such as trimmers, leaf-blowers and lawn mowers**

For more information, consult the corresponding Best Practices Info Sheet available at www.niagara.anglican.ca/green

