

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 information sheet available at
www.niagaraanglican.ca/climatejustice/best-practices

