







# The value of green

Information from Project Evergreen. Learn more at projectevergreen.com

## Improved air and water quality

- One tree can remove 26 pounds of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere each year, equaling 11,000 miles of car emissions
- 2,5000 sq. ft. of turf absorbs carbon dioxide and releases enough oxygen for a family of four to breathe
- Proper landscaping reduces nitrates leaching into the water supply and reduces surface water runoff, keeping pollutants out of our waterways

## Lower heating and cooling costs

- Properly placed deciduous trees allow air conditioning units to run 2-4% more efficiently
- Trees shading homes can reduce attic temperatures as much as 40 degrees

### Better health

- Green spaces lower blood pressure, relieve stress, reduce headaches, improve attention and reduce fear and anger
- Gardening and yard work contribute to a healthy lifestyle, both physically and emotionally
- Greenery in a child's everyday environment reduces ADD symptoms

## Increased property values

- Consumers value a landscaped home up to 11.3% higher than its base price
- A landscaping investment is nearly always recovered and can help reduce the time a home is on the market







# **Congratulations!**

You have decided to enhance your property and your quality of life by improving your landscape.

Ask these questions before beginning.

# **Questions for you**

- > What are your needs?
- > What are your interests?
- > What is your lifestyle?
- > What is your personal taste?
- > What are your entertaining needs?
- > Do you like to do yard work?
- > How much time do you have to spend on maintenance?
- > What are your favorite colors?
- > What are your favorite flowers?
- > What are your favorite shrubs?
- > What are your favorite trees?

# Questions for the company

- > Length of time in business?
- > Education/experience of employees
- > Client references
- > Safety record?
- > Business license?
- > Workers comp insurance?
- > Professional memberships?

# Questions about the project

- > Written contract?
- > Landscape plan?
- > Plant/materials list?
- > Timetable for completion?
- > Payment terms?



# Learn. Get inspired. Connect. Visit urbanagcouncil.com

- Nead tips from our members
- 🥒 Get ídeas for your landscape
- Niew award-winning projects









# Greener. Smarter. Stronger.

Georgia Urban Ag Council | urbanagcouncil.com | galandscapepro.com

# **Georgia Urban Aq Council Code of Ethics**

Our members agree to adhere to the following principles:

- To promote honesty and professionalism at all times;
- To promote and encourage best management practices;
- To improve my skills and knowledge and to encourage education and research; and
- To elevate public awareness of the professionalism of the urban ag industry through my investment in the association.

### **UAC** advocates

• for the environmental and economic benefits of urban agriculture.

### **UAC** educates

• our members with the best management practices for environmental and economic sustainability by working closely with the UGA Center for Urban Agriculture.

## **UAC** promotes

 professionalism among its members by encouraging continuing education, adherence to industry standards, and best management practices.

## **UAC** helps

- consumers and property managers locate reputable professionals.
- the industry maintain high standards through association, education, and recognition.

**UAC demonstrates** • its firm commitment to the future of Georgia's urban ag industry through its Code of Ethics.

### UAC offers

• its members the opportunity to improve and support the industry for the common good.





