

# New Jersey Homeowners Are Rethinking Lawn Care: Organic Fertilizer and Natural Weed Control Gain Ground Over Chemicals

*This Hunterdon County, NJ Lawn Care Company Is Fueling the Shift from Chemical Lawn Care Products to Organic Fertilizer and Weed Control*

CLINTON, NJ, UNITED STATES, March 15, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- For decades, the standard approach to lawn care across the United States has relied heavily on synthetic fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides. The promise has always been simple: greener grass, fewer weeds, and quick results. But a growing number of homeowners are beginning to ask a deeper question—what is the long-term cost of chemical lawn care?



Children and Pets Can Safely Play in the Grass with Organic Lawn Care

That question is fueling a significant shift toward organic lawn fertilization and natural weed control, and local company Organic Dutchman LLC is seeing that shift firsthand.

Based in Clinton Township, the company has spent years helping homeowners across northern and central New Jersey transition away from chemical lawn treatments and toward natural soil-based lawn care programs.

## The Hidden Problem With Chemical Lawn Care

Traditional lawn care programs typically rely on synthetic fertilizers that deliver a fast surge of nutrients to grass. While this can produce a quick green-up, many soil experts say the long-term impact can weaken the natural biology of the soil.

Healthy soil contains billions of beneficial microorganisms that help regulate nutrient cycles, strengthen root systems, and naturally suppress pests and weeds. When lawns are repeatedly

treated with chemical fertilizers and pesticides, this natural ecosystem can become disrupted.

The result is a lawn that often becomes dependent on continuous chemical inputs to stay green.

“Chemical programs can create a cycle where lawns require more and more treatments just to maintain appearance,” explains Harmen J. Vos, founder of Organic Dutchman.

“Organic lawn care works differently—it rebuilds the soil so the lawn becomes naturally stronger over time.”

### How Organic Fertilizer Works

Organic lawn fertilization focuses on feeding the soil rather than forcing rapid top growth.

Unlike synthetic fertilizers that release nutrients immediately, organic fertilizers release nutrients slowly as soil microbes break down natural materials. This gradual process encourages deeper root development and healthier turf.

Over time, this approach improves soil structure, increases microbial activity, and helps lawns retain moisture more effectively—important factors for long-term lawn health.

For homeowners, the difference can be significant. Lawns managed organically often develop stronger root systems that make grass more resilient to drought, pests, and seasonal stress.

### Natural Weed Control: Prevention Instead of Chemicals

Weed control is another area where organic lawn care takes a different approach.

Chemical herbicides are designed to eliminate weeds directly, but organic lawn care focuses on preventing weeds from establishing in the first place.

Thicker, healthier grass naturally crowds out weeds by reducing the available space and sunlight they need to grow. Soil improvements and proper nutrient balance also help strengthen turf, making it more competitive against invasive plants.

Organic lawn care programs may also use natural weed prevention products such as corn gluten meal, which can inhibit the germination of weed seeds without introducing toxic chemicals into the soil.

## 7 Benefits of Organic Lawn Care

1. Safer for pets
2. Healthier soil
3. Greener grass
4. Reduces chemicals
5. Supports biodiversity
6. Long-term lawn health
7. Environmentally friendly

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“The healthiest lawns are the ones that can defend themselves,” says Vos. “If you build strong soil and strong roots, weeds become much less of a problem.”

## Why Families and Pet Owners Are Making the Switch

Beyond soil health, many homeowners are drawn to organic lawn care because of concerns about chemical exposure.

Children and pets spend significant time playing, rolling, and walking barefoot on lawns. Chemical treatments applied to grass can sometimes remain on the surface where they may be absorbed through skin contact or transferred to paws and fur.

Organic lawn programs eliminate synthetic pesticides and chemical fertilizers, providing a lawn environment many families consider safer for everyday outdoor activities.

## A Growing Movement Toward Natural Lawn Care

Across the country, interest in organic landscaping practices continues to grow as homeowners seek sustainable ways to maintain their properties.

Organic Dutchman has seen this trend accelerate in recent years as more New Jersey residents look for lawn care programs that support soil health, environmental sustainability, and family safety.

The company provides 100% organic lawn care services throughout northern and central New Jersey, focusing on natural fertilization, soil improvement, and environmentally responsible lawn management.

“We believe a beautiful lawn shouldn’t come at the expense of your health or the environment,” Vos says. “When you take care of the soil first, the lawn takes care of itself.”

## About Organic Dutchman LLC

Founded by Harmen J. Vos after immigrating from the Netherlands in 1987, Organic Dutchman LLC was created with a mission to provide natural lawn, tree, and shrub care using organic methods. The company serves homeowners throughout northern and central New Jersey from its base in Clinton Township.

For more information about organic lawn fertilization and natural weed control, visit [www.OrganicDutchman.com](http://www.OrganicDutchman.com) or call 908-894-5528.

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