



Does Your Yard Measure Up?

Tennessee Yards and Neighborhoods ("TYN") is a University of Tennessee Extension-led program that guides and assists Tennessee residents and

neighborhood associations in practices they can apply in their yards and common areas to create healthier living spaces in their communities.

Homeowners participating in the TYN program will benefit in many ways. One benefit is that an attractive and healthy yard will enhance your neighborhood while helping to protect Tennessee's beauty and natural resources. An added benefit is conserving resources; you will save money on utility bills and long-term yard maintenance.

Stormwater Engineer Sharon Gordon and I are teaming up to provide the guidance you need to ensure that your yard is a "Tennessee Yard Done Right." A "Tennessee Yard Done Right" is beautiful, environmentally friendly and saves money!

You don't have to be an expert gardener or landscaper to create a "Tennessee Yard Done Right." All it takes is a willingness to learn and a desire to build a yard that is based on these nine principles:

- Right plant, right place
- Manage soils and mulches
- Appropriate turf grass management
- Water efficiently
- Use fertilizer appropriately
- Manage yard pests
- Reduce storm water runoff and its pollutants
- Provide for wildlife
- Protect water's edge

Join us at the next Home Landscape Workshop on September 14th from 9 am to 3 pm at the Shelby County Extension office. This informative workshop will

include guidebooks, diagnostic tools (including soil tests and rain gauges!). You will get all of this for only \$35 a person or \$50 per household. Additionally, each participating homeowner will receive a “yard stick” to help them measure their progress towards a “Tennessee Yard Done Right.” Give me a call at 752-1207 and sign up today. Hope to see you there!

Happy gardening!



Christopher Coppen