

Wildflower Myth Buster

Natural Landscape Vs Lawns



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Meadows are fire hazards.

Meadows are not significant fire hazards; fires in tall grass last only 20 seconds making them unlikely to cause significant damage to homes.

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Natural landscapes attract vermin.

Rats are drawn to human-produced food sources, not native vegetation. Snakes can be found in any yard and are beneficial for pest control.

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Natural landscapes harbor Lyme-disease ticks.

Ticks are associated with wildlife hosts, not specific landscapes. Reduce exposure by avoiding brushing against vegetation and checking for ticks after outdoor activities.

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Natural landscapes are mosquito breeding grounds.

Turf lawns are more likely to have standing water than natural landscapes. Turf lawns are more likely to have standing water than natural landscapes, which provide better drainage and habitats for mosquito predators.

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Natural landscapes cause pollen allergies.

Perennial native plants and grasses in natural landscapes don't produce allergenic wind-borne pollen. Encouraging native species can crowd out allergenic plants.

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Natural landscapes lower property values.

Distinctive natural landscaping can increase property values and is increasingly used for aesthetic, economic, and environmental reasons.