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Westchester County



- Lawn Problems?
- Tree Problems?
- Diseases?
- Insects?

## Commercial Site Visits

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Westchester County Horticulture staff routinely visit landscapes for green industry enterprises during the growing season. The purpose of this program is to help identify landscape plant health issues (e.g. pests, cultural problems) and provide unbiased, third party advisement relative to addressing plant problems.

In 2008, the situations examined ranged from assessing hazardous trees, to diagnosing the poor health status of landscape plantings, to making pest management and landscape plant design suggestions. When making pest management suggestions, staff consider all available options. If necessary, the least-toxic pesticides as possible are suggested as a solution. Additionally, landscape planting suggestions usually include low maintenance varieties that perform well and require minimal inputs.

Over the last 5 seasons, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Westchester County Commercial Site Visits has increased steadily from 3-5 visits to approximately 15-20 visits in a typical growing season. Commercial clientele have been extremely satisfied with this program. Comments from one individual in response to a recent site visit report regarding the risk assessment of a street tree are as follows: *"You guys are the best. Thank you very much. Our Town Board really respects the knowledge that you guys have and when they heard that you both looked at this tree, they asked for some supporting documentation. This is exactly what we are looking for."* David Rambo, Assist. Commissioner of Public Works, Town of New Castle & Certified Arborist, 7/11/2008.

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