

Conserving our Nature and History

If you love Bedford for its bucolic nature, then understand that our natural beauty can not be taken for granted. We, as a town, must work together to maintain our appeal



Environmental Preservation

Our town works together with several organizations, **Westchester Land Trust, Bedford Audubon, Mianus River Gorge**, to preserve our natural landscape and to protect valuable ecological habitat.



Historic Preservation

The Historic District Commissions and the **Building Preservation Commission** protect our historical ancestry and ensure its continuity. Be part of this effort by connecting with one of the **Historical Societies**.



Water Protection

Westchester is a natural reservoir and filter for the drinking water. Learn more about how to assure drinking water quality for millions. For more information contact the **Wetlands Control Commission**



Biodiversity

Bedford's biodiversity is mapped by professionals and by citizens. download **iNaturalist** to help us with the inventory of all the living things around us, so we can improve the understanding of our local environment.



Climate Resilience

Bedford's Conservation Board provides resources about growing food, healthy landscaping, land management and supports measures that will help residents and the municipality to be more resilient in the face of climate change.



Pollinator Pathway

We are losing our bees, butterflies and birds. Help us by joining the Pollinator Pathway. Plant natives, stop using toxins and limit the lawn. For more information contact: **info@healthyyards.org**

Thank you for your commitment to a community that conserves natural resources and supports a healthy environment. Learn about the Town of Bedford Conservation Board at bedfordny.gov/conservation and follow us on Facebook.

Town (Ch.), County (W.C.) and State (N.Y.S.) laws that protect our water, our health and our environment:

Aquifer protection:

Preserves the quality of groundwater drinking water (Ch. 125-29.4)

Building/Energy code:

Requires new and renovated buildings to meet energy standards (Ch. 52 and NYS code)

Exterior Illumination (Dark Skies) ordinance:

Minimizes the negative impact of nighttime lighting (Ch. 125-41)

Leaf Blower Regulations:

Usage may be restricted due to noise, emissions, and pollution (Ch. 77)

Noise Regulations:

Limit time and duration of intrusive, unreasonable sounds (Ch. 83)

Trash and Recycling Regulations:

Licensed haulers only. Recyclable materials must be separated from garbage (Ch. 67)

Steep Slopes and Ridgeline:

Changes to protected areas may require a permit (Ch. 102)

Tree Ordinance:

Trees are valuable, before cutting, check if you need a permit (Ch. 112)

Wetland and Wetland Buff ers Protection:

These valuable habitats are and disruption requires a permit (Ch. 122)

Hazardous Waste Disposal: Improper disposal of hazardous chemicals is prohibited. Find ways for safe disposal at www.bedford2030.org/recyclopedia. Most hazardous chemicals can be disposed of at:

westchester h-mrf: <https://environment.westchestergov.com/facilities/h-mrf>

Idling: Vehicles may not idle for longer than 3 minutes (WC Sec. 873.1317)

Batteries: Rechargeable batteries should be returned to retailers (NYS Ch. 562)

Deer: Individuals may not feed or entice deer (NYS § 11-0505)

Invasive Species: Specific invasive species are prohibited (NYS DEC Part 575)

Pesticides: Neighbor Notification Law requires you to notify neighbors if you plan to use pesticides on your lawn. Applying professional needs permit (WC Ch. 691)

Fertilizers: Use fertilizers without phosphorus. No Applications April 1 - December 1
No fertilizers within 20 feet of any water body. Special exemptions exist. (NYS § 17-2103)

Thank you for keeping our town clean!



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