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# Going Organic in Phoenix Park

On this Earth Day, the City of Eau Claire Parks, Forestry, and Cemetery Division is pleased to announce a move to organic landscaping practices in Phoenix Park.

The Organic Program will include landscaping practices that are safer for people, pets, and wildlife. In addition to being healthier, Organic practices are in line with the City's Strategic Goals and Objectives to provide infrastructure and services that are environmentally sensitive and sustainable. This summer, Parks staff will fertilize turf areas in Phoenix Park with all organic fertilizer, replacing synthetic products. Weeds in hardscape areas such as sidewalks and landscape beds will be removed manually or with an organic product instead of pesticides.

In addition to Organic practices in Phoenix Park, the City will no longer be using Glyphosate (commonly referred to as Roundup) on Playground areas. Weeds will be removed manually or with the use of an organic product.

The City of Eau Claire hopes that park users will support these efforts and embrace a patch of clover mixed in with the turfgrass while enjoying a picnic or a summer concert in Phoenix Park, knowing that these Organic practices are safer for people, pets, and pollinators.

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