**GREENFAITH IDEAS FOR THE NEW YEAR**

Here are some ideas for actions you can take in the area of grounds maintenance. The actions are divided into small steps and big impact steps just as a guideline.

# Grounds maintenance

## Small Steps Big Impact Steps

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| |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Already doing** | **Will try to do** |  | |  |  | I will place at least 1 bird feeder and/or bird-box on my property. | |  |  | I will create a ‘Backyard Habitat’ according to the National Wildlife Federation. | |  |  | I will water my lawn as little as possible, and will never water after or right before a rain shower. | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Already doing** | **Will try to do** |  | |  |  | I will create/install a rain garden on my property. | |  |  | I will install a rain barrel on my property. | |  |  | I will landscape my property using native plants, which respond well to the rainfall and temperature of my region. For drier parts of the U.S., this can include xeriscaping, or landscaping with plants that thrive in drier climates. | |  |  | I will create a butterfly garden on my property. | |  |  | I will create a fruit, vegetable or herb garden on my property, in a container garden, or in window boxes. Before I do this, I will test my soil for lead and pesticide contamination. | |  |  | I will remove a leaking underground fuel tank from my property. | |  |  | If I do not have property surrounding my house or apartment, I will volunteer my time to help a nearby household, institution or community group to take these steps. | |  |  | I will install water sensors to control the watering of my lawn, and/or drip irrigation for my garden. | |