



# GO GREEN

As it turns out, it's actually quite easy being green. With help from these local professionals, you can keep the inside and outside of your home beautiful while showing Mother Nature a little TLC.

**Leahy Landscaping, Inc.** provides professional landscape maintenance, irrigation, construction, and design services to commercial and residential customers throughout the Greater Boston area. One specialized division to note is its organic lawn care. Their organic program works by bringing lawn and soil into a natural balance for a healthier and more active growing environment to support thick and sturdy turf.

Many university and independent research studies have shown that root systems become thicker and longer using sound organic gardening practices, improving the overall appearance of a lawn. The organic products Leahy pros apply help feed and grow the microorganisms that belong in the soil while at the same time providing the proper nutrients to feed and

sustain hardy turf grasses. And as their experts know, harmful pesticides aren't necessary for lawn care. They instead provide a complete, natural, and safe lawn-care system that is harmless to plants, animals, and people and restores life to your soil and health to your lawn. Assisting in the health of your plant life, Leahy Organic's core aeration system loosens soil annually, allowing air, water, and nutrients easier access to the roots for enhanced development.

Leahy Landscaping is constantly looking for opportunities to incorporate "green" alternatives in their landscape designs. Their projects contain water-saving and sustainable products such as high-efficiency sprinkler nozzles, smart controllers, drip irrigation, LED landscape lighting, and rainwater harvesting. Through your landscaping, you can implement ideas for green living

to save energy, make the earth a cleaner place to live, and save money too.

**Mayflower Maids** approaches "green" in two lights—it's great for the environment, and is safe for your family, guests, employees, and pets. This female family-owned and -operated professional cleaning business takes green cleaning to a higher degree, whether you have them in after special occasions or for regularly scheduled appointments.

Providing residential and commercial cleaning to the South Shore since 2004 and the Boston area since January, Mayflower Maids ensures everything they do contributes to a cleaner environment while protecting the ecosystem. They are proud to offer Ameri Green Clean eco-friendly services, including product



recycling, hepa filters, hypoallergenic bags, microfiber, low-decibel and energy-efficient equipment, and certified green cleaning products. To keep up on the latest ways to clean green, and on regulatory mandates and industry standards, this insured and bonded business belongs to ISSA and ARCSI trade organizations.

Beyond products and equipment, Mayflower Maids has developed a way to reduce their footprint through emailed invoices and payments; property estimates performed via a “virtual” visit; and the use of well-maintained company-owned vehicles for efficiency’s sake. They will even introduce a fuel-free mode of transportation for their Boston and Plymouth locations within the next couple of months.

Eager to share their knowledge of Earth-friendly home and business upkeep,

they also assist with recycling programs, cleaning audits, floor and window-care programs, and more.

Challenged by those who believe “green” cleaning isn’t as proficient as standard cleaning, the simple approach at Mayflower Maids is to prove that green products and equipment keep your home and your world clean without sacrificing quality.

**O’LYN Contractors, Inc.** is serious about protecting the environment, which is why they are committed to taking such a comprehensive approach to being green. Serving the Boston Metro area since 1974, this family-owned and -operated roofing company launched the recent news of their solar integration division, working with the largest known power source—the sun.

Powering a new generation of green, sustainable energy solutions, O'LYN introduces CertainTeed's EnerGen™ Photovoltaic Solar Power Roofing System as its premier renewable-energy product. Unlike other photovoltaic (PV) systems on the market, EnerGen™ is specifically designed with vastly improved aesthetics in mind for homeowners. This roofing system features integrated UNI-SOLAR® thin-film laminates that seamlessly integrate with traditional asphalt roofing shingles—making it pleasing to the eye while overcoming the largest objection to installing solar panels.

With the EnerGen™ system's launch, O'LYN formally begins a solar integration division focused on providing attractive and affordable renewable energy for the homeowner.

Their asphalt shingle recycling initiative in partnership with Owens Corning and Heritage Environmental Services is yet another important effort. At O'LYN Roofing, they work towards making sure that every asphalt shingle taken off your roof goes back into our roads, reducing landfills and our dependence on foreign oil.

Their renewable-energy product line is also growing quickly, with new products already in the pipeline—an exciting notion not just for you but for Mother Earth. ■

