



UI Landscape Management Statement

Landscape Services follows an organic-based, holistic and comprehensive approach, using the best management practices to promote and maintain a healthy turf. We continuously and proactively review practices to implement leading edge, ecofriendly methods and products while balancing the varied needs of the campus.

There is a shared governance approach to our turf management practices. These decisions are made with the appropriate experts and stakeholders to make the best decisions for our campus.

Current practices include:

- **85%** of the main UI campus is 100% organically maintained through healthy turf practices like mowing, aeration, de-thatching, etc. (approximately 200 of 244 acres).
- **13%** of campus, in designated service levels, receive organic and organic-synthetic mix products as needed to control pests and weeds.
- Another **5%** of campus, in low use, low maintenance areas, receives treatment with herbicides every 2-3 years to control weeds.
- The use of organic-based products helps build healthy turf and reduces usage rates of herbicides and nitrogen fertilizers by **50%**.
- “Restricted Use” pesticides are **NOT** used on UI campus turf. None of the herbicides used on campus contain 2-4-D.
- Starting in 2018, **most products applied are foliar**, not granular, meaning they absorb into the plant directly through the plant tissue and not more slowly through the root system. This greatly reduces any chance of transfer or leaching.
- In accordance with Iowa Agriculture and Land Stewardship policy, **the UI is required to provide signage after any application of product**, regardless of the coverage area or concentration/toxicity level. If one spot treatment is applied, the entire area is signed.

For more information on Facilities Management Turf Management philosophy, management practices, location and frequency, signage, and shared governance, check out our Turf Management Quick Facts document: [Turf Management Quick Facts](#).