

# Arvada's Sustainable Golf Operations

Historically, golf courses have received a negative reputation for their lack of environmental awareness and practices. However over the past 20 years, the golf industry has acknowledged and worked to remedy this situation. While examples of environmental irresponsibility still exist, West Woods Golf Club and Lake Arbor Golf Club are proud examples of the new, environmental management practices becoming more prevalent in the industry each year

Both of these City golf clubs operate as sustainable golf course operations. A sustainable course is one that enhances the playing quality of the golf course in harmony with the conservation of its natural environment under economically sound and socially responsible management.

As a result of these efforts, both golf programs have been recognized by Audubon International with its designation of West Woods and Lake Arbor Golf Clubs as Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuaries. West Woods Golf Club was the 29th course in Colorado, Lake Arbor Golf Club the 36th course to receive the honor. There are approximately 32,000 golf courses worldwide, less than 2% are Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuaries.

Our eco-friendly practices can take many forms. More efficient use of water - and protecting water quality - is certainly high on the list, as is being much more careful with the use of pesticides and herbicides. Other practices seen as crucial are wildlife and habitat management, energy conservation, waste/emission control, environmental compatibility during the construction process, and using the latest and best research and technology in the area of plant management.

Come enjoy a round of golf with none of the guilt – we are working in concert with our natural surroundings and proactively working to use water wisely every day.

