

You are invited to attend the
NOFA ORGANIC LAWN & TURF COURSE



NORTHEAST ORGANIC FARMING ASSOCIATION
CONNECTICUT & MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTERS

NOFA Organic Land Care Program
PO Box 164
Stevenson, CT 06491



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3rd Annual
**ORGANIC
LAWN & TURF
COURSE**

*A one-day course designed for
landscapers and municipal employees*

Marblehead, MA

August 14, 2007

Marblehead High School, 2 Humphrey Street
(on Boston's North Shore)

and

Manchester, CT

August 16, 2007

Manchester Community College, 60 Bidwell
Street (east of Hartford)

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Professional Landscapers • Municipal and School
Employees • Landscape Architects • Garden Center
Managers • Anyone wanting to learn specific
methods of organic lawn and turf management

ORGANIC LAWN & TURF CARE

- Focuses on building healthy soil that will support growth of strong, tough turfgrass
- Eliminates the use of synthetic pesticides and fertilizers
- Reduces the need for irrigation by promoting the growth of extensive roots systems in soil with higher organic matter
- Reduces risks to children and pets from pesticides
- Responds to increasing environmental awareness and consumer concerns about pesticides and fertilizers

**WHAT IS THE NOFA
ORGANIC LAND CARE PROGRAM?**

This course is offered by the 7-year-old NOFA Organic Land Care Program, which is overseen by a committee of landscape professionals, scientists, educators and concerned citizens. The program's mission is to extend the vision and principles of organic agriculture to the care of landscapes where people carry out their daily lives.

In addition to this course, the program offers a comprehensive five-day course that covers all aspects of Organic Land Care. The course is based on NOFA's *Standards for Organic Land Care*. Graduates of the five-day course are eligible to become NOFA Accredited Organic Land Care Professionals. We presently have over 270 Accredited Professionals in nine states.

Mark Your 2008 Calendars!

7th Annual NOFA Course in Organic Land Care

Jan. 16, 17, 18, 21 & 22, 2008 in Leominster, MA
Jan. 23, 24, 25, 28 & 29, 2008 in New Haven, CT
Feb. 27, 28, 29, March 3, 4, 2008 in Narragansett, RI

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Optional Tours of Nearby Organic Fields

**NEW THIS
YEAR!**

MA: Visit the athletic fields at Marblehead High School, organically managed by Course Instructor Chip Osborne. In addition, enjoy a tour of the nearby Living Lawn Project in Marblehead 2-3 minutes away!

CT: Visit the soccer fields just up the street, where an organic turf transition study is being conducted through collaboration between the Town of Manchester, The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, CT NOFA and Harrington's Organicare.

COURSE INSTRUCTORS INCLUDE:

- **Thomas Akin**, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Amherst, MA
- **Donald Bishop**, Gardens Are..., Marlborough, MA
- **Michael Nadeau**, Plantscapes Inc., Fairfield, CT
- **Chip Osborne**, Osborne Organics and co-founder of the Living Lawn Project, Marblehead, MA
- **Kimberly Stoner, Ph.D.**, Entomologist, The CT Agricultural Experiment Station, New Haven, CT

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?

How to grow organic lawns and turf that looks good and survives stress • Why the demand for organic lawn and turf care is increasing • Transitioning from conventional to organic management • How to use this knowledge to profit in a rapidly expanding market • Ways to educate and communicate with clients about organic land management methods
Practical info from professionals

This course provides 4 Credits for NOFA Accredited Organic Land Care Professionals. Pesticide Applicator Recertification Credits available in MA and CT.

COURSE SCHEDULE

8:00-8:30	Registration, coffee
8:30-9:00	Why Organic?
9:00-10:00	Site Analysis
10:00-10:15	Break
10:15-11:45	Soil Fertility & Health, Soil Amendments, Compost
11:45-12:45	Lunch (provided)
12:45-2:00	Cultural Practices
2:00-3:30	Pests, Weeds and Diseases
3:30-4:00	Question & Answer Session
4:00-5:00	Outdoor demonstrations
5:00-6:30	Optional Tours of Organic Fields

COST

\$150 for 1st person from firm or town
\$125 for each additional person
Includes coffee/tea, lunch and the
NOFA *Organic Lawn and Turf Handbook*

Register online at www.organiclandcare.net!

Directions to the course site you select (MA or CT) and a list of local hotels will be sent with your confirmation materials.

For more information:

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REGISTRATION FORMS

MASSACHUSETTS • AUGUST 14, 2007

NAME(S): _____

COMPANY/TOWN: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TOWN/CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ CELL: _____

EMAIL(S): _____

PAYMENT:

1st Person: \$150 _____

Each additional person: \$125 _____

NOFA/Mass. Membership (optional):

*Individual \$30, Family \$40, Supporting \$100,
Low-Income \$20* _____

Scholarship donation (optional): _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Make check payable to NOFA/Mass and please send to: OLC Program, 53 Carter Pond Rd., Petersham, MA 01366

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TOWN/CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ CELL: _____

EMAIL(S): _____

PAYMENT:

1st Person: \$150 _____

Each additional person: \$125 _____

CT NOFA Membership (optional):

*Senior/Student \$25, Individual \$35, Family \$50,
Business \$100, Supporting \$150* _____

Scholarship donation (optional): _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

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