



Organic Land Care Basic Training for Municipal Officials or Transitioning Landscapers

The National Coalition for Pesticide-Free Lawns is pleased to announce our **Organic Land Care Basic Training for Municipal Officials and Transitioning Landscapers**. This 3-part teleconference will explain the Simple Steps to beginning an organic turf program and will cover the basic concepts, methods, and materials you need to get started. The training is geared toward school or park and recreation officials, however landscapers interested in transitioning are welcome to attend.



The Program will be taught by Chip Osborne, a professional horticulturist with over 30 years experience and an expert on building and transitioning turf to organic care. He is NOFA-accredited (Northeast Organic Farming Association) in organic land care, and has attended the University of Massachusetts Green School for turf management. He converted his retail greenhouse operation to an organic management plan, designed and constructed Marblehead's Living Lawn Demonstration site, and, as the elected Chairman of the Town of Marblehead, Recreation, Parks & Forestry Commission, is currently implementing an Organic Turf Management Plan for the town's public lands, including all athletic fields.



Chip lectures nationwide on natural turf management, both to homeowners and municipalities, and has addressed the National Sports Turf Managers Association.

The cost of the training is only \$45 for municipal officials and \$95 for professional landscapers. This course will be offered in three 75-minute online sessions February 28, March 5, and March 14, 2007 (12pm- 1:15pm eastern standard time).

To register visit www.pesticidefreelawns.org/training.

If you need more information or have questions call or email Eileen Gunn at (202) 543-5450 or egunn@beyondpesticides.org.