

What is the NOFA Organic Land Care Program?

In 1999, a group of landscape professionals, scientists, educators and concerned citizens formed the NOFA Organic Land Care Committee to extend the vision and principles of organic agriculture to the care of landscapes. The Committee drafted the first *Standards for Organic Land Care* in the United States and offered the first Organic Land Care Accreditation Course.

The Accreditation Course



A new market opportunity is growing for land care professionals with knowledge of organic lawns, gardens and landscaping which is fueled by a growing awareness of the

hazards of pesticides and new state legislation prohibiting pesticide use on public lands. This 5-day, 30-hour course teaches the principles of organic land care design and maintenance. If you choose to become a NOFA Accredited Organic Land Care Professional (AOLCP), you will receive support from the OLC Program to market your business and join a community of over 500 AOLCPs.

NOFA Accreditation

Those who would like to become NOFA Accredited Organic Land Care Professionals (AOLCPs) may take an optional exam at the end of the course. Annual re-accreditation is granted based on continuing education and competence in organic land care.

Who Should Attend?

Landscapers - Designers - Landscape Architects
Municipal & Institutional Groundskeepers - Parks, Recreation, & Conservation Commissioners
Garden Center Employees - Master Gardeners
Horticulturists - Landscape Teachers & Students

"One of the best professional courses I've ever taken."

~C.W., Danbury, CT



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Todd Harrington

"A great overview of all major aspects of organic landscaping, taught by high-quality teachers."

~D.B., Katonah, NY

Cost of Course & Accreditation

- \$550 Course (\$520 for registrations received by Dec. 19 in MA, Jan. 24 in CT, and Feb. 6 in RI)
- \$150 Exam & Accreditation (optional) may be paid during the course.
- Discounts Available for:
 - NOFA Members
 - Early Birds
 - Groups *NEW* 15% Discount for businesses & organizations registering 3 or more students. To register with the discount, call CT NOFA (for RI & CT Courses), contact Caro Roszell at NOFA/Mass for MA Course.

Register by mail using form on back or ONLINE at

organiclandcare.net

Join a NOFA Chapter

For rates on NOFA membership, visit

www.nofa.org

or call your local NOFA chapter

Course Schedule

The course schedule runs from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm and includes six hours of presentations, a one-hour case study, one-hour lunch, and two 15-minute breaks. (Daily schedule varies slightly by state.)

- Day 1: Principles & Procedures - Site Analysis, Design & Maintenance - Rain Gardens/Stormwater Infiltration - Fertilizer & Soil Amendments
- Day 2: Soil Health - Soil Biology & Ecology Compost - Mulches - Lawn Alternatives
- Day 3: Planting & Plant Care - Lawns - Pest Management - Ticks & Lyme Disease
- Day 4: Pest Management for Perennials, Trees, Shrubs & Turf - Disease Control - Wildlife Management - Wetlands
- Day 5: Invasive Plants Management & Control Running a Business - Client Relations - Q&A - Accreditation Examination

Pesticide license recertification credits & ISA credits pending

Course Faculty Includes

Visit organiclandcare.net for specific teachers by state

Frank H. Crandall III - Horticultural Consultant
Todd Harrington - Harrington's Organic Land Care
Michael Nadeau - Plantscapes, Inc.
Camilla Worden - Camilla Landscape Design, LLC
Paul Wagner - Soil Foodweb New York
Chip Osborne - Osborne Organics
Bill Duesing - CT NOFA Executive Director
Dr. Sam Telford III - Tufts University
Bryan Connolly - MA Fisheries & Wildlife
Rose Hiskes - CT Agricultural Experiment Station
Heather Crawford - Farm of the Four Winds
Frank Koll - GreenScapes Lawn & Garden Services, Inc.
Fred Newcombe - PJC Ecological Land Care
Bryan Connolly - Mass Wildlife DFW Field HQ
Nancy DuBrule-Clemente - Natureworks
Don Bishop - Gardens Are...

Registration by Mail

Online Registration also available at organiclandcare.net

Please Check One:

Worcester, MA

Please make check payable to NOFA/Mass and mail to: Caro Roszell, MA Course Coordinator, 64 Wyman St #3, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
Questions? 508.360.0874 or email caro@nofamass.org

** By providing NOFA/Mass with your email address, you give us permission to send you news via our Constant Contact account. If you do NOT want to receive these emails check HERE _____. Thanks!

New Haven, CT

Please make check payable to CT NOFA and mail to: Deb Legge, CT Registration Coordinator, P.O. Box 164 Stevenson, CT 06491
Questions? 203.888.5146 or email deb@ctnofa.org

Charlestown, RI

Please make check payable to CT NOFA and mail to: Deb Legge, RI Registration Coordinator P.O. Box 164, Stevenson, CT 06491
Direct registration questions to 203.888.5146 or email deb@ctnofa.org. For specific program questions, call 401.742.7619 or email FrankCrandall3@gmail.com

Name _____
Company _____
Address _____
City/State _____ Zip _____
Telephone _____ Cell _____
Email _____

Payment:

Course Fee: \$550 + _____
Exam/Accreditation: \$150 (optional) + _____
I am a NOFA member in ____ (state)
I want to join NOFA in ____ (state)
Membership Level Price (see nofa.org) + _____
NOFA Membership Discount: \$15 - _____
Early Bird Discount: \$30 - _____
(by Dec. 19 in MA, Jan. 24 in CT, and Feb. 6 in RI)
Scholarship Donation (optional): + _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Benefits of NOFA Accreditation

- Learning from the region's top organic horticulturists and business owners
- Joining a community of hundreds of organic landscape professionals, starting with your 5-Day classmates and teachers
- Discounts on NOFA OLC Advanced Workshops and the Annual Gathering, designed specifically for organic professionals
- Publicity and marketing support for you as a NOFA Accredited Organic Land Care Professional:
 - Your name and business listed in the widely distributed annual publication *NOFA Guide to Organic Land Care*
 - Clients can find you, in our searchable database at www.organiclandcare.net
 - Use of NOFA Accredited Professional logo and marketing materials
 - Access to NOFA staff for referrals and speaking opportunities



Don't miss the NOFA OLC Program's

2011 Annual Gathering

Trees: Landscaping for Future Generations

December 6, 2011

UConn Student Union, Storrs, CT

Keynote Speaker Tom Wessels

For information, registration, and event listings, visit

organiclandcare.net



2012 Accreditation Course in Organic Land Care



A 5-Day Professional Course Offered in

Worcester, MA

January 9-13, 2012

Worcester State University

486 Chandler St.

Snow Date: Jan. 15

New Haven, CT

February 15-17, 21-22

CT Agricultural Experiment Station

123 Huntington St.

Snow Date: Feb. 23

Charlestown, RI

February 27-29, March 1-2

Kettle Pond Visitor Center

Snow Date: Mar. 5