

Benefits of NOFA Accreditation

- Networking with hundreds of other organic landscape professionals practicing Organic Land Care according to the NOFA *Standards*
- Flexible online listing in our new searchable database at www.organiclandcare.net
- Listing in annual publication *NOFA Guide to Organic Land Care*, with 15,000 distributed annually
- Discounts on NOFA Organic Land Care Program Advanced Workshops and annual Update Course designed specifically for organic professionals
- Publicity and marketing support as a NOFA AOLCP
- Use of NOFA Accredited Professional logo and marketing materials
- Access to NOFA staff for referrals, speaking opportunities and transitional assistance

Don't miss the NOFA OLC Program's exciting **Advanced Workshops** planned for 2010. 2009 workshops included:
Advanced Pruning - Advanced Compost Tea Brewing - Advanced Organic Invasives Removal

and don't miss the . . .

2009 Update Course: Dec. 8, 2009
Sturbridge Host Hotel, Sturbridge, MA

Looking for an AOLCP? Check out the Program's new **Online Searchable Database!**

For information and upcoming educational event listings, visit

www.organiclandcare.net



9th Annual

NOFA Course in Organic Land Care

A 5-day professional course offered in
(choose one location)

Newburyport, MA

January 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 2010

Parker River Wildlife Refuge, 6 Plum Island Tpke.

Snow Date: Jan. 21

New Haven, CT

January 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 2010

CT Agricultural Experiment Station, 123 Huntington St.

Snow Date: Jan. 29

Westchester County, NY

Feb. 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 2010

Antun's of Westchester, 35 Valley Ave., Elmsford, NY

Snow Date: Feb. 17

Providence, RI

Feb. 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 2010

Save the Bay Center, 100 Save the Bay Drive

Snow Date: March 1

What is the NOFA Organic Land Care Program?

Ten years ago, 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 organic land care standards in the United States and offered the first organic land care accreditation course.

The 5-Day Course

Growing public awareness of pesticide use hazards and new legislation mandating least toxic and non-toxic alternatives are fueling a new market opportunity for professionals with knowledge of organic land care. This 30-hour course for professionals will provide the education needed for an understanding of organic landscape design and maintenance. The curriculum is based on the *NOFA Standards for Organic Land Care: Practices for Design and Maintenance of Ecological Landscapes*, published by the Committee in 2001. At the end of the course, students will be able to incorporate methods and materials that respect natural ecology and the long-term health of the environment.



NOFA Accreditation

An optional exam will be given at the conclusion of the course. Those who pass the exam become NOFA Accredited Organic Land Care Professionals (AOLCPs). A searchable database of these professionals and their services is available at www.organiclandcare.net, and they are listed annually in the *NOFA Guide to Organic Land Care*. Annual re-accreditation is granted based on continuing education and competence in organic land care.

Course Schedule

Each day 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 - Perennials, Trees, Shrubs Turf Insects - Disease Control - Wildlife Management Wetlands
- Day 5:** Invasive Plants Management & Control Running a Business - Client Relations - Q&A Accreditation Examination

Course Faculty

Visit www.organiclandcare.net for specific teachers by state.

- Donald Bishop** - Gardens Are, Inc.
Frank H. Crandall III - Wood River Evergreens, Inc.
Heather Crawford - Environmental Educator
Dr. Sharon Douglas - CT Agricultural Exp. Station
Nancy DuBrule-Clemente - NatureWorks Hort. Svcs.
Bill Duesing - Solar Farm Education
Todd Harrington - Harrington's Organic Land Care
Rose Hiskes - CT Agricultural Exp. Station
John Howell - UMass Extension, retired
Charles J. Katuska - EA Eng., Science & Technology Inc.
Marion Larson - Mass. Dept. of Fisheries & Wildlife
Dr. Tom Mather - URI Kingston
Ann McGovern - Mass DEP
Michael Nadeau - Plantscapes, Inc.
Chip Osborne - Osborne Organics
Kent Pierce - Green Cross Inc.
Dr. Cheryl Smith - UNH Durham
Dr. Kirby C. Stafford III - CT Agricultural Exp. Station
Dr. Kimberly Stoner - CT Agricultural Exp. Station
Paul Wagner - Soil Foodweb NY
Camilla Worden - Camilla Worden Garden Design LLC

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

"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. 18 in MA & CT; by Jan. 29 in NY & RI)
 Course fee includes a delicious, catered lunch daily
- **\$150 Exam & Accreditation (optional)**
 Exam & Accreditation may be paid during the course
- **NOFA Membership Discounts**
 See registration form at right

Register ONLINE at
[www.organiclandcare.net!](http://www.organiclandcare.net)

Join a NOFA Chapter!

For rates on NOFA membership, visit www.nofa.org!

CHECK ONE:

NEWBURYPORT, MA

Please make check payable to NOFA/Mass and mail to: Kathy Litchfield, MA Course Coordinator, 75 Bascom Road, Gill, MA 01354
 Questions? (413) 773-3830 or email kathy@nofamass.org

NEW HAVEN, CT

Please make check payable to CT NOFA and mail to: Ashley Kremser, CT Course Coordinator, PO Box 164, Stevenson, CT 06491
 Questions? (203) 888-5146 or email akremser@ctnofa.org

WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NY

Please make check payable to NOFA OLC and mail to: Clara Buitrago, NY Course Coordinator, PO Box 164, Stevenson, CT 06491
 Questions? (203) 888-5146 or email clara@organiclandcare.net

PROVIDENCE, RI

Please make check payable to NOFA OLC and mail to: Sheryl Ellal, RI Course Coordinator, 101 Woodville Rd., Hope Valley, RI 02832
 Questions? (401) 364-3387 or email sheryl@woodriverevergreens.com

NAME: _____
 COMPANY: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 TOWN/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 www.nofa.org) + _____
 NOFA Membership Discount: \$15 - _____
 EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT: \$30
 (by Dec. 18 in MA & CT/Jan. 29 in NY/RI) - _____
 Scholarship Donation (optional); + _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____