

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 each year
- Discounts on NOFA Organic Land Care Program Advanced Workshops and Annual Gathering 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 and speaking and professional development opportunities

Don't miss the NOFA OLC Program's exciting . . .

2010 Update Course

“Corridors to Sustainability: Designing Within the Natural Context”

Dec. 7, 2010

UConn Campus, Storrs, CT

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

For information and upcoming educational event listings, visit

www.organiclandcare.net



10th Annual

NOFA Course in Organic Land Care

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

Newburyport, MA

January 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 2011

Parker River Wildlife Refuge, 6 Plum Island Tpke.
Snow Date: Jan. 20

New Haven, CT

January 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 2011

CT Agricultural Experiment Station, 123 Huntington St.
Snow Date: Jan. 31

Providence, RI

Feb. 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 2011

Save the Bay Center, 100 Save the Bay Drive
Snow Date: Feb. 25

What is the NOFA Organic Land Care Program?

Eleven 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 for Perennials, Trees, Shrubs, and Turf - 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 - Horticultural Consultant
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
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
Dr. Sam Telford III - Tufts University
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. 17 in MA & CT; by Jan. 28 in 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
 -- Pesticide license recertification credits and ISA credits available --

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

Join a NOFA Chapter!

For rates on NOFA membership, visit [www.nofa.org!](http://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
 ** 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: RJ Mercede, CT Course Coordinator, PO Box 164, Stevenson, CT 06491
 Questions? (203) 888-5146 or email robert@ctnofa.org

PROVIDENCE, RI

Please make check payable to NOFA OLC and mail to: Sheryl Ellal, RI Course Coordinator, 949 Matunuck School House Rd., Wakefield, RI 02879
 Questions? (401) 330-6869 or email sheryl@organiclandcare.net

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. 17 in MA & CT/Jan. 28 in RI) - _____

Scholarship Donation (optional): + _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____