



Systems Approach to Natural Turf Management
Introductory 3 Hour Training for
Landscape Professionals

Saturday, Sept. 25th from 9AM-12 Noon

Hyannis Country Garden

508-775-8703

\$20 Per Person

Reservations Required

MA Pesticide Credits, NOFA/Mass, and MCLP CEUs Pending

In this workshop, Chip Osborne will discuss the realities of Natural Turf Management. He will present an overview of the basic concepts and protocols of the program and will cover in detail the core practices that one must follow.

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| 9:00-9:15 | Why Go Organic |
| 9:15-9:30 | Difference between Conventional and Natural lawn and turf care products and practices |
| 9:30-9:45 | Overview of natural turf management: Programs and Protocols including costs and realities |
| 9:45-10:45 | Insect, Weed, and Disease management |
| 10:45-11:00 | Break |
| 11:00-11:30 | Nutrition and Fertility Management |
| 11:30-12:00 | Proper Cultural Practice |

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We invite you to attend our introductory ***Natural Lawn and Turf Management Training for Lawn Care Professionals and Municipal Officials***. This seminar teaches the turf professional or landscape manager how to transition synthetically managed turf to a naturally maintained and sustainable system. The ***Systems Approach***, designed by Osborne Organics, is firmly based on biological science and is the fruition of years of research and experience in horticultural practices.

Osborne Organics believes that the current level of education is the most limiting factor in a widespread acceptance of a natural and sustainable system for the creation of lawns and municipal turf. It is our mission to provide the educational training needed to address this absence of knowledge.

Chip Osborne is one of the nation's leading experts in organic turf establishment and maintenance. In Marblehead, MA he led the successful effort to convert all town-maintained properties to organic products and methods. He has gone on to become one of the leading consultants, educators, and advocates for organic turf care, through his company, Osborne Organics.

Osborne Organics provides natural turf consulting services to business, municipal and institutional clients who wish to create and maintain natural, self-sustaining turf without the use of chemical pesticides. Our services include on-site evaluation, product specifications, maintenance recommendations, new construction consultation and classroom or individual instruction. Our goal is to help our clients make a successful transition from traditional chemical based turf programs to natural turf programs. Our approach to natural turf care is based on systems, not products. We recognize that the development and maintenance of high quality turf requires the use of high quality natural products, but we also believe that a thorough understanding of the principles of soil biology and knowledge of revised horticultural techniques is required. Lawns and fields maintained with the natural turf program we have developed have deep, probing root systems which create stronger plants and makes them more tolerant of drought and more resistant to insects, disease and weeds.