

“Organic Lawns & Landscapes Refresher” Workshops

When Fri, August 12, 8am – 12pm
Where UMass Amherst Campus Center 904-908, Amherst, MA ([map](#))
Description “Organic Lawns & Landscapes Refresher” Workshops (see Aug 19th description)
With Chip Osborn

When Friday, August 19, 9am-1pm
Where Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, Newburyport
With Javier Gil

Description How do I interpret, and then do, what a soil test recommends? What do I do with a grub-infested lawn? Where do I get organic products and how do I use them? What is the systems approach to organic landscaping and how do I start doing it? Answers to these questions and many more will be discussed in depth by Chip Osborne and Javier Gil, during the NOFA/Mass “Organic Lawns & Landscapes Refresher” workshop, happening Friday, August 12 from 8am to Noon at UMass Amherst, Campus Center Room 904-908; and again Friday, August 19 from 9am to 1pm at the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge in Newburyport. Practical skills and problem solving will be the focus of these four-hour intensive workshops. Beginning with an overview of the systems approach to organic landscaping; soil testing; soil amendments; managing nutrition; grass types; and compost tea, Osborne and Gil will then delve into practical solutions for real-life landscape problems. Case study examples will be explored in depth within small groups, with the goal of boosting students’ hands-on knowledge of organic lawns and landscaping and how to transition to organic management with success, cost-efficiency and grace.

Re-accreditation credits available. Workshop cost: \$100 general public; \$75 NOFA members and AOLCPs.

To register visit www.nofamass.org or contact coordinator Kathy Litchfield at (413) 773-3830 or Kathy@nofamass.org.

The direct link to NOFA’s web page for the Aug 12th and Aug 19th workshops is:

<http://www.nofamass.org/calendar/index.php>