

## ***What Will I Learn?***

Learn how to establish or switch to organic turf systems that create high quality lawns, athletic fields, parks, and other fields and avoid fertilizers and pesticides. Organic turf care is not rocket science...it's basic soil science and proper horticultural practices that optimize turf and minimize weeds.

Learn how to create and keep lawns and sports fields with deep-rooted, dense turf that competes successfully with weeds, requires less maintenance, and tolerates drought, insects and diseases. Turf that is functional and attractive!

## ***Why Should I Attend?***

- **School Maintenance & Grounds-Keepers:** Learn what you can do to reduce reliance on pesticides and fertilizers and reduce risks on school lawns and athletic fields.
- **Parks Managers:** Learn about establishing and maintaining functional spaces that reduce risk to people and the environment.
- **Landscapers, Lawn Care & Pest Management Professionals:** Learn how to meet the increasing demand for organic, 'natural' and 'environmentally friendly' lawn & turf care services.
- **Horticulturists & Garden Center Staff:** Learn how to answer client's questions about 'natural' and organic lawn care.
- **Licensed Pesticide Applicators:** Earn **6 recertification credits.**

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Augusta, ME 04333

# **Organic Turf and Lawn Workshop**



**April 1, 2008**

**8:00 AM – 3:30 PM**

**Jeff's Catering and  
Banquet Center**

15 Littlefield Way  
**Brewer, Maine**

## Presenters

**Chip Osborne** President, Osborne Organics. A professional horticulturist with over 30 years experience, Chip is an expert on building and transitioning turf to organic care. He is accredited by the Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA) in organic land care, and has attended the University of Massachusetts Green School for turf management. He implements an organic turf management plan for public lands, including all athletic fields in Marblehead, MA. He lectures nationwide on natural turf management, both to homeowners and municipalities, and has addressed the National Sports Turf Managers Association.

**Gary Fish** Maine Board of Pesticides Control. Gary conducts educational programs on turf care and pesticides. He coordinates the Maine YardScaping Partnership and leads Portland's BackCove YardScaping Demonstration Project. He earned a BS in Forestry & Wildlife Management and learned turf care on the job with ChemLawn.

**Kathy Murray** Maine Department of Agriculture.

Kathy coordinates programs to promote safer practices that reduce reliance on pesticides such as the Maine School IPM Program and the Maine IPM Council. She earned a PhD in Entomology at the University of Massachusetts.

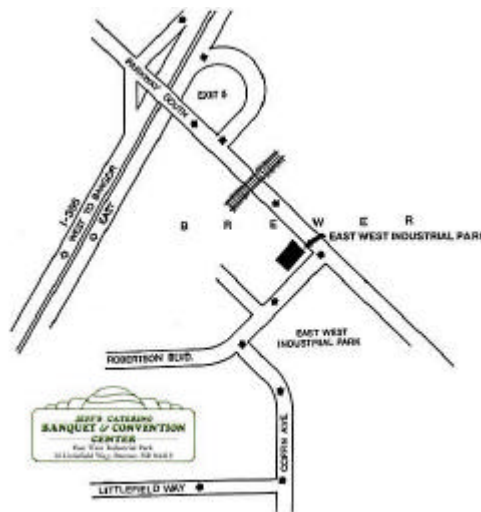
For more information, or if you are a person with a disability and will need any accommodations to enable participation please contact Kathy Murray at 207-287-7616 or [kathy.murray@maine.gov](mailto:kathy.murray@maine.gov) at least 10 days in advance.

## Program

- 8:00 AM** Registration, Continental Breakfast  
**8:30 AM** Organic Turf: It's all in the Soil – Chip Osborne  
**11:00 AM** Pesticide Regulation Updates  
**11:30 AM** Buffet Lunch Provided  
**12:30 PM** New Regional Lawn Fertilizer Recommendations & YardScaping – Gary Fish  
**1:00-2:30 PM** Organic Turf: Proper Cultural Practices for Natural Lawns and Turf – Chip Osborne  
**2:30-3:30 PM** Turf Insect Identification – Kathy Murray

## Directions

**Jeff's Catering, Banquet and Event Center, East-West Industrial Park, 15 Littlefield Way, Brewer, ME 04412.** From I-95 North or South, take Exit 182-A onto 395 East. Travel to Exit #5 (Parkway South) and turn left at end of exit. Go 1/10 of a mile over railroad tracks, and take the very next right into the East/West Industrial Park. Travel approximately 100 yards and turn left onto Coffin Avenue.



## Organic Turf and Lawn Workshop Pre-registration Form

Registration Fee: \$45/person in advance (if received by **March 25, 2008**); \$55/person at the door. Includes breakfast and lunch and 6 pesticide recertification credits.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address line 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Address line 2 \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Pre-Registration Deadline:** Checks must be received by **March 25, 2008**.

**Please make checks payable to:**  
Treasurer, State of Maine

**Send registration form and check to:**

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