
COURSE FORMAT

This course is delivered over 12 hours. These hours are best distributed evenly over 2 full days. However, a Friday evening session followed by a long Saturday can also work well.

LOCATIONS

Available only upon request.

EDUCATION PARTNERS

Our education partners include:

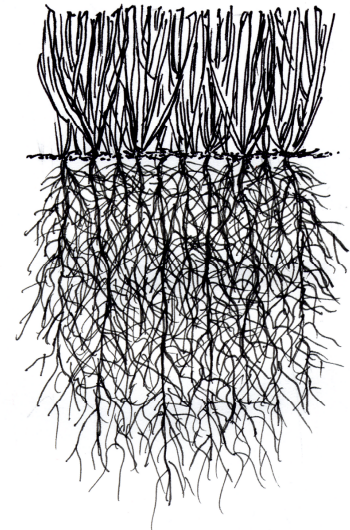


Organic Turf Management

2-Day Intensive



Gaia College
"Cultivating Community"



ABOUT THE COURSE

Lawns have a reputation for being toxic zones and water hogs – but these are not intrinsic qualities of the lawn. They are instead the result of chemical-based lawn management practices that destroy the soil ecology, reduce the soil's natural water holding capacity, and make the grass dependent on ever increasing chemical inputs.

Certainly, it is possible to manage lawns differently, but this requires a shift in thinking, a different way of looking at your garden.

In this very intensive two-day workshop we will introduce you to the underlying principles and processes at work within natural ecosystems. You will learn how the use of environmental toxins is counterproductive to achieving your landscape goals, and we will construct a new decision making framework that enables you to work with nature to create and maintain healthy, beautiful lawns.

You will also

- Understand the process of transitioning a landscape from chemical dependency to organic self-sufficiency
- Gain a deeper understanding of organic horticulture in general.

THE CURRICULUM

Topics include:

- Interdependence within ecosystems
- Soil ecology, biology and chemistry
- Soil fertility management
- Underlying causes of plant and landscape health problems
- Pesticides and their effect on ecosystems
- Turf physiology & cultural requirements
- Maintenance practices for optimal turf health
- Managing turf problems
- Preventing turf problems at the design and installation stages

This workshop will be interest to

- Landscape and turf managers
- Experienced home gardeners
- Educators
- Professionals working in the areas of land stewardship, land development and restoration
- Policy makers and advisers concerned with pesticide legislation

CERTIFICATE

Upon completion of the program students will receive a Certificate of Attendance.

CECS

Landscape professionals earn generous pre-approved Continuing Education Credits to maintain industry certifications (ISA, CNLA, BCSLA, SOUL).

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Please contact us about our contract rate

Fees include printed and on-line handouts, the text "Working With Nature - Shifting Paradigms", as well as 1-year access to our on-line resource library, discussion forum and much more.

REGISTRATION

For more information please visit www.gaiacollege.ca

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Those who have been practicing conventional turf management will find their practices challenged, nagging doubts exposed, questions answered they didn't even know they had, and new questions arising.
