

Creating Safe and affordable Organic Lawns and Playing Fields

A free how to training session on making the switch to organic turf

Presented by **Beyond Pesticides Ohio**

Friday, March 22, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Rocky River Memorial Hall
COMMUNITY ROOM
21016 Hilliard Blvd.
Rocky River, Ohio 44116

What: A free, comprehensive three-hour training session on how to implement an organic turf program. Training will be introduced by Beyond Pesticides Ohio staff and led by natural turf expert Alec McLennan, President of Good Nature Organic Lawn Care. Topics Include proper soil testing, organic fertilizing, natural weed and disease control, aerating, over seeding, proper mowing, watering, special needs for playing fields and how going organic can save money.

For Whom: Geared toward institutional facilities and grounds managers, city public works managers, real-estate developers, landscapers, sustainability coordinators, green team members, schools, churches, businesses and any place that has turf where people, especially children, congregate. Interested citizens are also welcome.

Why: Your organization can protect people's health and the environment and also save money by transitioning to organic turf practices. Cleveland Heights and Cuyahoga County have already banned Lawn Pesticides from all city and county-owned property. University Circle's Wade Oval also recently went organic. In 2011, Connecticut and New York State banned lawn pesticides on all school grounds and playing fields. The reasons are clear: pesticide exposure is dangerous to people and the ecosystem. Many commonly used pesticides have been associated with elevated risks for acquiring asthma, childhood leukemia, learning disabilities and Parkinson's disease.

Light Refreshments provided

Pre-registration is encouraged by contacting (On site registration at 8:30 am)

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