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Subject: Registration for Online Training in Basic Organic Land Care

Announcement of the **Organic Land Care Basic Training for Municipal Officials and Transitioning Landscapers** (including services to schools) posted to the Schoolbugs listserv courtesy of Steve Pincuspy, Program Associate for the Safer Pest Control Project.

Note: Although the Safer Pest Control Project (see www.spcpweb.org) is targeted to Illinois, the information in this online course may be valuable to other States such as New Jersey.

"...Every year millions of pounds of chemicals are put onto our lawns and grounds, yet the concern about their health impacts on children is as great as ever. Pesticides are linked to a variety of acute and chronic childhood illnesses; so much so that many states have passed laws requiring parental notification before spraying. Protect the children in your school districts by encouraging facilities managers to learn more about alternatives to chemical lawn care.

Safer Pest Control Project is helping to promote **Organic Land Care Basic Training for Municipal Officials and Transitioning Landscapers**, a three part on-line course geared specifically toward turf management officials and companies interested in expanding their service offerings. The program will be taught by Chip Osborne, a professional horticulturist with over 30 years experience and an expert on building and transitioning turf to organic care. This program will train officials in the principles and techniques necessary to produce a healthy lawn that is also a safe haven for children to play.

We ask that you forward the attached (see link below) **announcement**** along to your affiliated school districts or contact them yourself so they can take advantage of this unique opportunity. More information about the training can be found at www.pesticidefreelawns.org/training. Should you have any questions regarding this course or future training opportunities you may contact me at (312) 759-8249, or send an e-mail to spincuspy@spcpweb.org. Visit www.spcpweb.org to learn more about the pesticide laws pertaining to Illinois' schools as well as alternatives to pesticide use...."

******This announcement is posted to our website at [www.pestmanagement.rutgers.edu/NJinPAS/postings/Organic Lawn Care Training.pdf](http://www.pestmanagement.rutgers.edu/NJinPAS/postings/OrganicLawnCareTraining.pdf). "...This course will be offered in three 75-minute online sessions on February 28, March 5, and March 14, 2007 (12pm- 1:15pm eastern standard time). All that is needed to get started is a phone and computer system. To register go to www.pesticidefreelawns.org/training.**

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