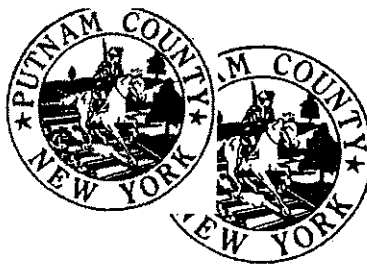


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February 22, 2011

Dear Landscape Contractor,

Effective March 15, 2011, lawn care and landscaping contractors who are licensed by the Putnam County Office of Consumer Affairs must complete a best management practices class in lawn and garden care. **Completing the class is a requirement for renewal of your Putnam County contractor license under a new county law¹.** The class will also introduce the details of a new New York State law, which takes effect in 2012, restricting the use of phosphorous in fertilizers for lawn care.

Contractors must attend the class on one of the following dates:

Monday, March 7, 2010, from 6:30 pm-8:15 pm **Thurs., March 10, 10:30 am to 12:15 pm**
Thurs., April 14, 7:30 to 9:15 am **Wed., May 25, 4:30 to 6:15 pm**
Wed., June 29, 7:30 to 9:15 am

All classes will be held at the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services Training and Operations Center, at 112 Old Route 6, in Carmel, NY. The fee for the class is \$20.00 per person. New York State Department of Environmental Conservation pesticide applicator recertification credits have been approved for Categories 3A and 3B. Educators with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County are the instructors for the class.

Registrants will learn how to comply with the new phosphorus fertilizer restrictions, review best practices for soil textures, amendments, testing and fertilization without phosphorus; mowing and irrigation; how to submit soil for soil testing and how to interpret the soil test report. There will also be a discussion on how to educate customers about lawn health. Upon completion of this class, registrants will receive a Certificate of Completion required for renewing his or her contractor license with the Putnam County Department of Consumer Affairs.

To register for the class, fill out the registration form attached and send with payment to Cornell Cooperative Extension, 1 Geneva Road, Brewster, NY 10509. For more details about the class, please contact Cornell Cooperative Extension at 845-278-6738 or www.cce.cornell.edu/putnam.

Contractors who need more information about the new law can contact the Putnam County Department of Consumer Affairs at 845-808-1617.

Sincerely,

Joseph LaBarbera
Director, Consumer Affairs

Sherlita Amler, M.D.
Commissioner, Department of Health

¹Chapter 135-4 of the Putnam County Code



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Register Now!

A Required Class for Putnam County Licensed Landscaping and Lawn Care Contractors

A Zero-Phosphorus Approach to Healthy Turf, Clean Water and Happy Customers

Several Class Dates to Choose From:

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Location: Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services, 112 Old Route 6, Carmel, NY

Who Should Attend:	Putnam County Licensed Landscaping and Lawn Care Contractors
What You'll Gain:	Better Understanding of How Best Management Practices in Lawn Care will Help Protect Water Quality
Why It is Vital to Attend:	Effective March 15, 2011, your Putnam County Contractor License Renewal Requires a Certificate of Attendance at this class (Chapter 135-4 of the Putnam County Code)
Registration fee: \$20 per person	
NYSDEC Pesticide Recertification Credit Approved for 3A and 3B: 1 credit	

What you will learn in this class:

- Soil Health Best Practices:** pH and Texture; Nutrient Analysis; Soil Sampling and How to Interpret Soil Test Reports; How to Talk with Your Client About Soil Health
- Soil Amendments:** Fertilizer Application Methods and Rates; Nutrient Analysis of Common Topdressings; Synthetic and Organic Fertilizers; Choosing Soil Amendments for New Lawns and Large Scale Renovations
- Water Quality:** Handling Over-applied Fertilizer and Spills; Mowing and Clipping Management; Irrigation; Overseeding


Instructors:
Dianne Olsen, Sr. Extension Educator, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County
Jennifer Stengle, Environmental Horticulture Educator, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County

Questions? Call: 845-278-6738

REGISTER TODAY!

- Choose one class date

<input type="checkbox"/> Mon., Mar. 7, 6:30 to 8:15 pm	Deadline: Thurs., Mar. 3
<input type="checkbox"/> Thurs., Mar. 10, 10:30 am to 12:15 pm	Deadline: Mon., Mar. 7
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<input type="checkbox"/> Wed., May. 25, 4:30 to 6:15 pm	Deadline: Fri., May. 20
<input type="checkbox"/> Wed., June. 29, 7:30 to 9:15 am	Deadline: Fri., June 24

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- Tell us if you will be applying for pesticide recertification credits*

- I will be applying for pesticide recert credits.
 I will not be applying for pesticide recert credits.

*To receive NYSDEC pesticide recertification credits you must bring photo ID to the class.

- Fill out the form

Name _____
 Business Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
 Email _____

- Make your check for \$20 payable to Cornell Cooperative Extension and send it with this form to Cornell Cooperative Extension, 1 Geneva Road, Brewster, NY 10509