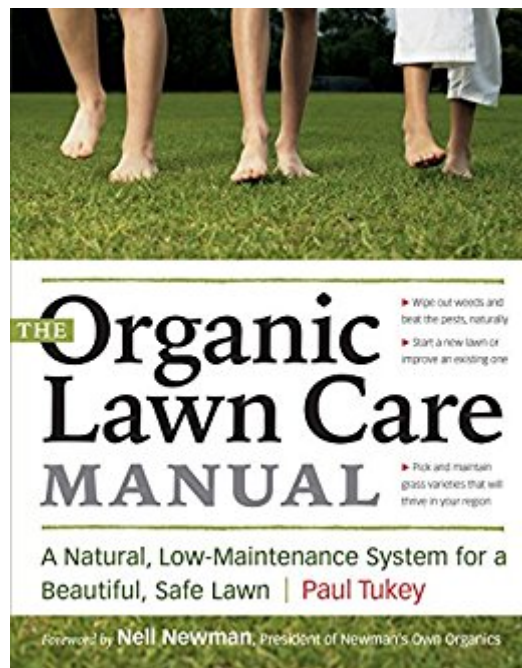


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The Organic Lawn Care Manual: A Natural, Low-Maintenance System For A Beautiful, Safe Lawn



Synopsis

Create a gorgeous lawn that is free of harsh chemicals. This comprehensive guide covers everything you need to know to grow and maintain a thriving lawn using organic gardening methods. With expert advice on planting the best grass varieties, nourishing the soil, watering, fighting weeds, and sustainable maintenance, Paul Tukey helps you create a luscious and inviting lawn that is pesticide-free and safe for your children and pets.

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Customer Reviews

I read other reviews before purchasing this book. I thought it was the perfect blend of technical information if you wanted it and practical explanation for the doing. It is well laid out so that once you've read through it, you can easily find the reference material you need. I think it's the perfect start for going organic. You can get as crazy as you want or take it a step at a time.

As a beginner to organic lawn care, I appreciated the easy to understand directions and information

contained in this book, and it's good to have a reference on hand containing practical information that's easily put into practice. After reading Paul Tukey's book, I didn't feel overwhelmed, and felt I could easily incorporate his suggestions. He covers everything from different grasses to compost tea, lawn drainage problems to sharpening mower blades. I especially liked the chapter on "Getting Your Lawn Off Drugs", including the Lawn Care Calendar that details organic lawn maintenance according to regions.

I started my own Organic lawn care company and this book is full of great information. I reference it all the time and appreciate Paul's easy to understand approach to explaining organic lawn care practices. There have been a lot of advances in Organic herbicides and fertilizers since this book was written so I had to do some additional research in those areas but outside of that it has all the info you need.

I have to admit, I first looked into organic lawn care for not-so-noble reasons. I have a pool in my backyard, which means that using any nitrogen-rich fertilizer back there risks getting nitrates in the pool water, which is a big no-no for pool owners. I hoped that organic lawn care could provide me with a way to care for my backyard without endangering the pool water. That's not to say that I didn't care about the environment; it just wasn't my first priority. However, in reading this book, I've become downright enthusiastic about, not just helping the environment, but having a great yard **while** helping the environment. As other reviewers noted, the author does not ask us to settle for inferior lawns in order to help the environment. He is passionate about having a great lawn -- and doing it the right way. There are essentially two ways to get great looking lawns: treat it with chemicals, or follow the organic route described in this book. They can both produce great looking lawns, but there is a difference. I liken the comparison to making a person look better through either plastic surgery or exercise. Plastic surgery is fast and can have some incredible results, though it does nothing to improve the actual health of the person. Whereas exercising can probably get to the same end, though with a bit more effort, especially at the beginning. However, even though the results may look similar, underneath the person who has been exercising is stronger, fitter, and more able to cope with the physical stresses of life. Similarly, with a bit more effort (at least, at the beginning), an organically cared-for lawn can look great and be healthier and stronger than a chemically cared-for lawn. I'm ditching the remainder of my Scott's Four-step weed-and-feed lawn care process and embarking on **really** caring for my lawn. Thank you Paul Tukey for opening my eyes! PS - as an added bonus, I **can** care for my lawn organically without endangering my pool

water.

I am already a Paul Tukey fan, as he is a local celebrity here in Maine. I am considering buying a riding mower and dropping an expensive lawn care service. This book is helping me prepare for that transition. The writing style and layout in the book is excellent. I am choosing to read through first, but with the excellent index, it also makes a great reference book. Moderately priced (especially since I used my Discover points).

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Other reviews have detailed the contents of this book, so I won't rehash them. Bottom line, this is an EXCELLENT resource for anyone looking to learn more about taking care of their lawn. If you are interested in taking care of your lawn yourself (i.e. no lawn care company), this Manual has all of the information that you need to fully understand how to grow a lush, beautiful lawn... without the use of chemicals. My favorite part is that it includes a monthly maintenance calendar so I can remember what I am supposed to be doing each month of the year.

In our rush to water conservation and sustainability, the lawn has received some bad press. This book details how to grow a lawn the organic way without the negative environmental impacts of traditional lawn care.

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