

Other information:

Instructors:

David Chinery, CCE – Rensselaer County

Chuck Schmitt, CCE- Albany County

- You must attend **every hour** of this training to receive credit for taking this course. Unfortunately, we can allow **NO EXCEPTIONS** to this rule.
- Free parking is available in the parking lot in front of our building, but space is limited. Come early for a good spot!



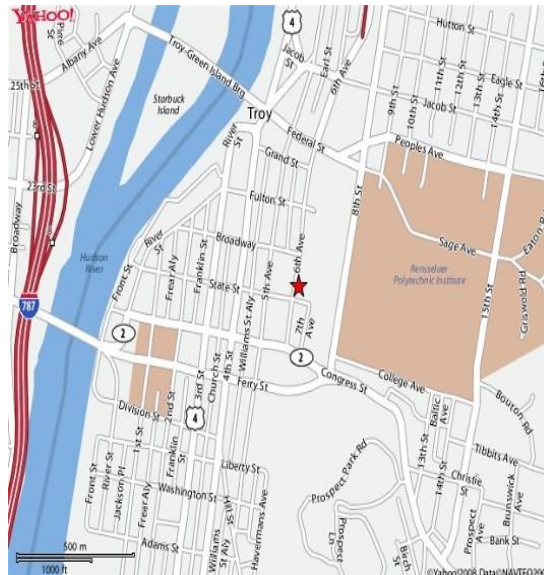
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Directions to Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rensselaer County:

From Albany: (exit 23 off NYS Thruway) Travel north on Rt. 787 to exit 8. Take a right at the end of the ramp and another right at the next light. Cross the Green Island bridge and take a right at the second light onto 6th Ave. At the second light take a left onto State St. We are located on the 2nd floor of the brick building on the top of the hill to the left.

From Route 87 (Northway): (exit 24 off NYS Thruway) Take Exit 7 to Route 7 east. As you cross the Collar City Bridge (Hudson River) take the "Downtown Troy" exit, stay in the left lane of the exit ramp to 6th Ave. At the fourth traffic light (State St.) take a left and park in the parking lot at the end of the street. We are located on the second floor of the brick building labeled "Health Department" (it was built as the Health Department in 1920).



Organic Lawn & Landscape Care

*A "Be Green"
Qualifying Course*



Tuesday, January 24, 2012

(snow date: Thursday, January 26)

Troy, New York

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The *Be Green* Program is a new initiative by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to encourage homeowners and businesses to adopt organic lawn care practices. According to the NYSDEC, “more and more, customers are asking their landscapers and lawn and tree maintenance businesses about organic options. Signing up to be a *Be Green Organic Yards NY* business is one way you can demonstrate your commitment to organic practices. *Be Green* businesses sign an agreement with the NYSDEC for the right to use the *Be Green* service mark (logo). In return, they will avoid the synthetic pesticides and other materials prohibited by the organic conditions in the agreement.”

For a business to qualify to participate in the *Be Green* program, the business must:

1. Successfully complete qualifying training and agree to specific conditions, including prohibitions on specific pest management materials that cannot be used. The training includes taking a 20 question exam and passing it by answering at least 75% of the questions correctly.
2. Sign a License Agreement with the NYSDEC. Entering into such an Agreement means the business is licensed to use the NYSDEC’s *Be Green* service mark (logo) under the conditions in the Agreement (see below).



Please examine the *Be Green* website at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/65071.html> for further details before registering for this program. Please pay particular attention to the section on “*How To Become A Be Green Business*” (<http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/65248.html>) Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rensselaer County is an official *Be Green* Course Provider and is sponsoring this training program.

Course Content: Topics covered in this training include: the *Be Green* Service Mark Agreement, elements of site analysis, principles of soil health, maximizing plant health and avoiding stress, proper maintenance practices, pest management, resources, communicating with clients.

Class location: This class will be held at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rensselaer County, 61 State Street, Troy, NY 12180.

Class Time: Plan to arrive at this program by 7:45 AM. Class will start promptly at 8:00 AM and run to at least 5:00 PM. Lunch will be provided. Two 15 minute breaks and 45 minutes for lunch will be allotted in the schedule.

Class Materials: Class attendees are encouraged to bring a pen or pencil and notebook to class.

Snow Date: If significant snow or ice is predicted on January 23 for January 24, the class may be postponed to January 26. You will receive a telephone message at the phone number you provide on the registration form. You may also call (518) 272-4210 between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM on January 23 for information.

Class space is limited. Register early to avoid disappointment. Deadline is January 20, 2012 or when class is filled.

QUESTIONS? Call (518) 272-4210

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A Be Green Qualifying Course
January 24 (snow date January 26) 2012

REGISTRATION FORM
Program fee \$100.00 per person

NAME (primary contact person): _____

BUSINESS NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

DAYTIME PHONE: _____

Include name & phone # of each participant (for early-morning weather cancellations)	\$100
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Please send completed form and check payable to Cornell Cooperative Extension, 61 State Street, Troy, NY 12180, Attn: Marcie Vohnoutka. Deadline is January 20, 2012 OR WHEN CLASS IS FILLED.

Individuals with questions or special needs requiring accommodation should contact Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rensselaer County at 518-272-4210.