

Chatham Conservation Commission

FREE - March 18th Workshop:

Invasive Species Control and Landscaping with Native Plants

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Date: Thursday, March 18th

Time: 12:30 - 4:00 pm

Location: Chatham Community Center

Ever wonder what was growing out of control in your backyard and why that pesky old plant just kept growing even after you thought you pulled the roots out? And what is that vine growing up into the trees? Could it be an exotic invasive species? Do you want to know the best way to control or get rid of them? Are you interested in native plants and how you can incorporate them into your yard for the birds and other wildlife? If so, this is the workshop for you!

The Chatham Conservation Commission is hosting two speakers on **Thursday, March 18th from 12:30 – 4:00 pm at the Chatham Community Center.**

- Todd Mervosh, a weed scientist at the CT Agriculture Experiment Station will identify local invasive species and present the latest information and techniques on invasive plant control. Todd has conducted countless research on mechanical and chemical methods of invasive species control.
- Scott LaFleur, of the New England Wildflower Society will present images of Cape Cod native plants that provide a beneficial habitat for a diversity of wildlife, insects and birds. He will also discuss the importance of incorporating natives into your landscape.

An increasing amount of research and study has been focused on the negative impact of exotic invasive species on our economy, local ecology and biodiversity. Certain species have been identified as harmful invasives based on non-native status, aggressive growth habit, massive seed production, and/or ability to spread easily by root system, lack of natural controls, and documented populations established in the wild. Invasives out-compete native plants, and have contributed to the decline of approximately 40% of US endangered and threatened species.

Learn how to effectively manage your property through appropriate invasive species control methods and how the use of native species in your landscape will reduce the need for watering & fertilizing while at the same time contributing to the ecological diversity of Cape Cod. This workshop is valuable to everyone, even if you don't enjoy gardening.

The workshop is free of charge. For more information and to register on-line visit "Community News" under the Town of Chatham homepage, <http://www.chatham-ma.gov> You may also register in person at the Conservation office located at 1455 Main Street, West Chatham or call for more information (508) 945-5164. Limited space is still available. Walk-ins will be accepted as space allows.

Workshop qualifies for three (3) credits for pesticide applicators.

For more information on wetlands protection regulations and areas of jurisdiction visit the Chatham Conservation Division website.

For more information on invasive and native species visit:

USDA National Invasive Species Website:

Fish & Wildlife Service, Managing Invasive Plants:

Center for Invasive Plant Management, Invasive Plant Management Text Book:

Invasive Plant Atlas of New England:

Weed Control Methods Handbook:

New England Wildflower Society:

Visit their website for more information on native plants and view upcoming classes and workshops.

SPECIAL NOTE: Saturday, May 1st, ~9:30~to~12:00, the Chatham Alliance for Preservation and Conservation will be presenting a public forum -~Chatham's Dirty Dozen,~Identification and Control of Invasive Plants and Environmental Stewardship at the Chatham Community Center, 702 Main Street.~ For more information e-mail Barbara Cotnam at cotnamchatham@comcast.net