

Organic land care places the needs of the land, in the form of the water, soil and ecosystem, at the center of any design process, landscaping project or maintenance plan

The Organic Land Care Standard can be applied to all types of landscapes and natural and created environments, including home gardens, parks, campuses, woodlands etc., in urban, rural and suburban settings under human management, and includes the use of edible and ornamental plants.

The Organic Land Care Practitioner:

- Works with natural systems and processes to encourage and enhance biological diversity and native habitats.
- Optimizes and maintains the life supporting properties of soil, air and water.
- Utilizes renewable, biodegradable and recycled materials from local sources and minimizes waste.
- Considers the wider social and ecological impacts of landscapes and the practices and products used to create and maintain them.



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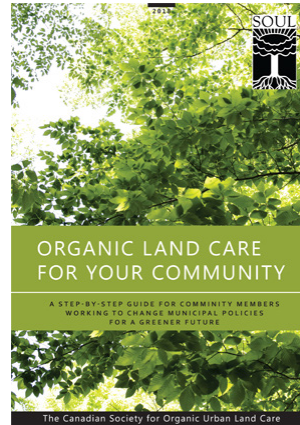
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Cultivating knowledge of organic land care through professional certification programs, education, the organic land care standard and the promotion of organic land care practices

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For horticultural professionals, designers, specifiers and the green industry



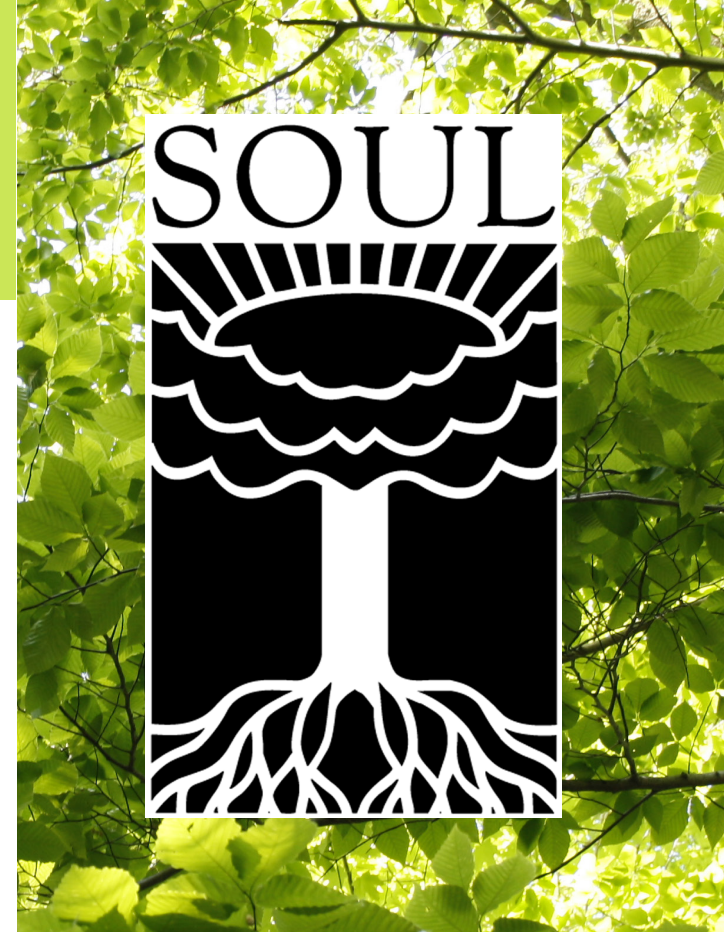
For anyone working toward greener policies in your community

The Society for Organic Urban Land Care (SOUL) is a non-profit Canadian organization, formed in response to the growing need for ecologically responsible land care practices



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*Working with natural systems
To create healthy and resilient
Urban landscapes*

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Organic Land Care is:

- The design, construction and maintenance of landscapes using practices that preserve and support the health of ecosystems and human communities.
- Organic land care provides a framework for implementing a variety of site-specific ecologically responsible and regenerative practices



Organic Land Care isn't:

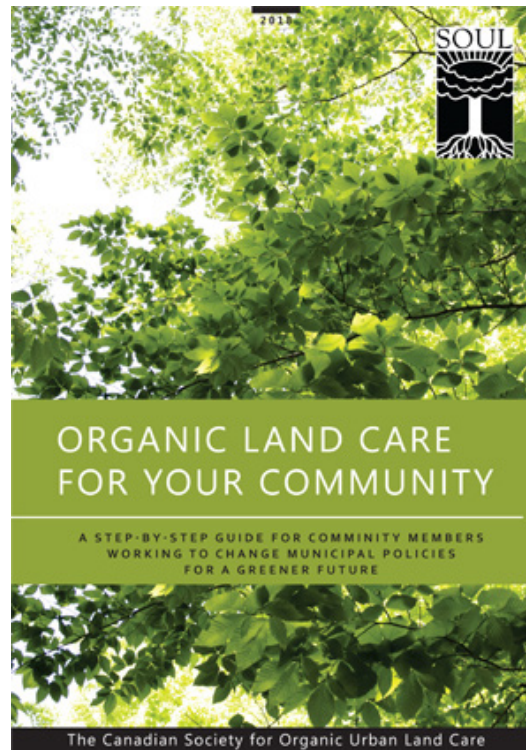
- A set of instructions or fixed solutions that can be applied to every site.
 - It is an approach to working with land that is based in observation and responsiveness to the needs of the space.
- The entire solution.
 - It is one part of the larger shift toward a healthier world and SOUL is happy to coordinate with groups and associations working toward similar or complimentary goals.

For Everyone

Organic Land Care in Your Community was developed to act as a step-by-step guide for community members working to change municipal policies around the care of public spaces. The steps outlined in the guide can also be applied by anyone working to change practices at institutions such as schoolboards.

Get Involved:

- Join SOUL as a public member.
- Become an Organic Land Care Advocate in your community and add your name and contact information to the directory on the SOUL website so others in your community can connect with you.
- Choose Organic Land Care certified and accredited professionals for your own projects.



For Horticultural Professionals

The Organic Land Care Standard is a technical and goals based document that was first introduced by SOUL in 2003 to address the need for a tool to support a successful transition toward sustainable land care practices by individuals, community, industry and government. The Organic land care standard is updated regularly to remain in alignment with the Canadian Organic Standard.

Professional Certification:

SOUL administers two levels of organic land care certification for horticultural professionals, both of which are held by the professional who obtains them, rather than relating to a specific site, product or business. Your designation will stay with you as you move between projects, employers or provinces in Canada.

