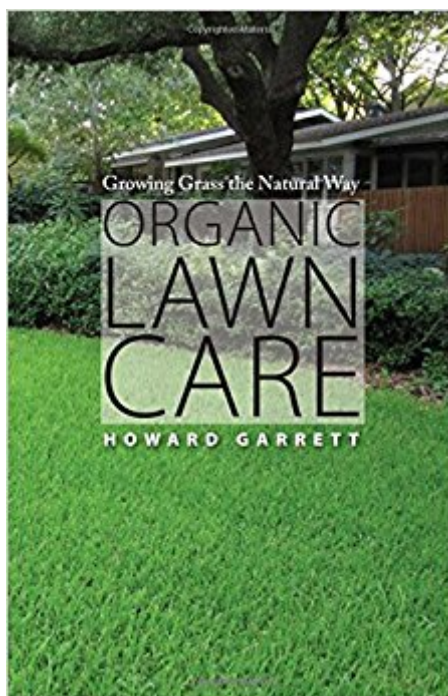


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# Organic Lawn Care: Growing Grass The Natural Way



## Synopsis

A lush green lawn is one of the great pleasures of the natural world, whether it's right outside your front door or on a majestic fairway at a legendary golf course. But anyone who has tried to grow the perfect lawn the conventional way knows it requires an endless cycle of watering and applying synthetic fertilizers and toxic chemical pesticides that costs a lot of money and kills all the life in the soil, on the surface, and on the grass. Fortunately, there's a better way. Organic lawn care is not only healthier for the environment, it's actually cheaper and less water-intensive, whether you're managing a small yard or acres of turf. In *Organic Lawn Care: Growing Grass the Natural Way*, Howard Garrett, the renowned "Dirt Doctor," takes you step-by-step through creating and maintaining turf organically. He begins with the soil, showing you how to establish a healthy habitat for grass. Then he discusses a variety of turfgrasses, including Bermudagrass, bluegrass, buffalograss, fescue, ryegrass, St. Augustine, and zoysia. Garrett explains in detail how to establish and maintain a lawn, including planting, mowing, watering, fertilizing, composting, and managing weeds and pests. And he offers alternatives to lawn grasses and turf, describing the situations in which they might be your best choice. Follow the program in *Organic Lawn Care*, and don't be surprised when your water bill drops dramatically and your lawn or golf course is the best-looking one around.

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"The renowned 'Dirt-Doctor' takes the reader step-by-step through creating and maintaining turf

organically." - Publishers Weekly

Howard Garrett is a landscape architect with extensive experience in landscape design, contracting, greenhouse growing, golf course planning and maintenance, and organic product development. A leader in the natural-organic marketplace, he provides advice on natural-organic gardening, landscaping, pet health, pest control, and green living. Garrett's many books include Texas Gardening the Natural Way: The Complete Handbook. He lives in Dallas, Texas.

This is exactly the book I was looking forward as I detox my home and yard. Our doctor has pointed out that some of the health issues both my wife and I face as we age are related to the toxic environment in and around our home. Go Howard Garrett!

A must read for anyone trying to maintain their lawn. After years of neglect and mistreatment of my yard, I now realize it's the soil that needs to be fixed first and foremost. Good soil leads to good plants, trees and turf. Fix the soil in the natural way!

Excellent book on lawn care.

Very disappointed. A lot of the information was very much opinion based and not fact based. Especially the section on the history of lawns. It just seemed to be the authors speculations on the history of lawns, and that he hadn't actually researched anything. I was really excited about this book because I wanted to manage my lawn organically but I don't feel that this is the best book for that. I wanted to love the book but just can't. This will not stay in my gardening books collection.

Wow... What a terrible book. I assume that, like most people, the reader starts with a lawn and wants to go organic. This isn't the book for that. It starts with a clean slate and talks about how to go from there. Very little actual practical information, and lots of information for those who live in the south. What a completely disappointing book with so little to offer. It's more like a book about lawns than it is a book about how the average reader can switch to organic lawn care on their own. No useful information, at all, about how I can take my lawn to be an organic one. Waste of money.

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