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Talent moves toward organic park management

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TALENT, Ore. – The City of Talent is working to implement safer, organic land care in their public parks. Along with Eugene and Springfield, the city is a part of a three-year pilot project to transition to organic park management (https://ktvl.com/news/local/citizens-push-jacksonville-parks-to-go-organic+).

"We're taking the chemicals out of lawn care and park management for playing fields in parks and creating a safe environment for children (https://ktvl.com/news/local/9-year-old-talent-resident-organizes-community-clean-up) and the overall ecosystem," organic



turf grass water. Osborne said. (/watch)

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City officials are teaming up with organizations Beyond Toxics and Beyond Pesticides to sponsor a workshop this week in the Rogue Valley to learn about safer land care.

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"What's currently being used in the pesticides under the model of risk assessment, how they were evaluated by the government, we're really finding is no longer relevant to what science is telling us that these acute exposures are less relevant than the very low-dose exposure," Osborne said. "With that in mind, it's been a goal of ours so that we can have a safer place (<https://ktvl.com/news/local/busy-park-activity-caught-on-police-cameras>) for children to play."



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Hello Southern Oregon Friends! Would you please help us share this free public tutorial with organic turf specialist Chip Osbourne? Chip has helped many cities in the US successfully transition their schools and public spaces to organic and he is offering to assist cities, counties and school districts in southern Oregon to do the same! This event is open to the public and anyone who is interested in witnessing this shift away from toxic, synthetic fertilizers and pesticides happen locally! We would love to see you all there

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and-strikes-are-planned), to have a beautiful park or playing field or home lawn," executive director of Beyond Pesticides Jay Feldman said. "Our goal is to manage the turf systems to the expectation of the community at the cost and they're currently spending."

The workshop is scheduled for Wednesday at 6:30 P.M. at the Talent Civic Center. The event will bring park maintenance staff from nine local governments to Jackson County.