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**Sprigs & Twigs Newly Accredited Professionals Boost Team**

*Strengthens Commitment to Practice Organic Land Care Across Southeastern Connecticut*

**Gales Ferry, Conn. – March 2, 2015** – Sprigs & Twigs, Inc., a leading landscape design, lawn care and tree service provider in southeastern Connecticut for 19 years, today announced that two more of its staff have become Accredited Organic Land Care Professionals (AOLCP) through the Northeast Organic Farming Association's (NOFA) accreditation program. A total of nine Sprigs & Twigs employees have completed NOFAs comprehensive four-day, 30-hour course and rigorous exam based on NOFA standards for organic land care.

Bruce Bennett and Bob Marikle of Sprigs & Twigs are now among more than 500 Accredited Organic Land Care Professionals throughout the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic region, accredited by the NOFA Organic Land Care Program, a program of the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Connecticut. With nine staff earning the AOLCP designation, Sprigs & Twigs has more accredited employees than any other company in NOFA.

"Consumer demand for organic landscaping services is increasing rapidly," said Bill Lillie, AOLCP, chief executive officer, Sprigs & Twigs. "More people want less toxic landscapes as they become aware of the dangers that synthetic pesticides and fertilizers pose to biodiversity, water quality and ecosystem health."

More than 2,000 professionals have been educated since the course's inception in 2002. The course covers all aspects of organic land care from soil health, site analysis and planting/plant care to composting and lawn alternatives.

**About NOFA Organic Land Care Program**

NOFA Organic Land Care Program was founded in 1999 to extend the vision and principles of organic agriculture to the landscapes where people spend their daily lives. For more information, visit [www.organiclandcare.net](http://www.organiclandcare.net).

**About Sprigs & Twigs, Inc.**

Sprigs & Twigs, Inc., a leader in landscape design specializing in environmentally-friendly, low maintenance, naturalistic landscapes, creates one-of-a-kind gardens for residential and commercial properties across southeastern Connecticut. Founded in 1997, Sprigs & Twigs landscape services include garden design, installation and maintenance, tree care including removal, pruning and fertilization, along with a full range of organic lawn care, trimming and mowing. For more information, visit [www.sprigsandtwigs.net](http://www.sprigsandtwigs.net).

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