**NEW PRODUCTS**

**Grace-Sierra markets new fungicides**

Grace-Sierra Horticultural Products Company has introduced VORLAN and FUNGO systematic turf fungicides in a safe, convenient liquid form. The new products, which enhance rather than replace existing products, control ornamental and turf diseases while eliminating the risk of dust inhalation associated with traditional powder pesticides.

"The introduction of VORLAN FLO and FUNGO FLO represents Grace Sierra's commitment to providing professionals with the highest quality, safest and most convenient products on the market," said marketing manager Mark E. Braxton.

**New Ryan aerator covers more area**

The new Ryan Lawnaire V Aerator's 36.5-inch aerating swath covers up to 29,000 square feet per hour, 38 percent more than the Lawnaire IV.

Powered by a 4-cycle, 3.5-horsepower Honda engine, the Lawnaire V is equipped with 3/4-inch, open-sided coring tines that can penetrate up to 2 3/4 inches deep.

It comes with a 38-pound, removable weight bar and a polyethylene water drum that holds up to 10.2 gallons (77 pounds) of water for extra penetrating pressure.

**Ransomes introduces Verti-groom unit**

Ransomes, Inc. has introduced its new Verti-groom unit for the Greens 3000. The Verti-groom unit conditions and improves the green surface by cutting lateral growth and controlling thatch. The result is a more consistent finish to each green and a smoother putting surface.

The Verti-groom unit is mounted in front of the grooved roller to shorten the distance of scalping. The unit consists of 34 steel blades, each with five cutting teeth. The blades rotate at high speed and are spaced for optimum performance and minimum wear on turf surfaces.

**Proseed releases mulch and blankets**

Proseed, Inc., has introduced three new biodegradable PS100 Mulch Blankets: the PS15-W, PS50-W Mulch Blankets and the PS100 Mulch Blanket. Each blanket comes as lightweight, easily installed and compacted soil without requiring a vertical mower to precede it, leaving the surface virtually undisturbed and ready for immediate use.

It is easily calibrated for all types of seeds and may be used for subsoil placement of granular materials such as insecticides.

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**Sweepers**

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The occasional storm.

Welch has worked in other parts of the country, primarily Florida, where debris management equipment is used year round. But it's South, North, East or West, "the capability of the machine is the most important consideration," when making a purchase, he said.

Today's debris management equipment can handle everything from leaves, branches and clippings to pine needles, snow and trash.

Sweepers can clean a path as wide as 12 feet. Pick-up models have hoppers as large as eight cubic feet. Those with high-dump capacity can lift debris up to nine feet to deposit in another vehicle. The power source, pick-up system and whether the unit has manual or mechanical dumping capability are also important, said Lewis.

"And price is always a factor," the Portland CC superintendent added.