

# Environmental Resources Library Gets Major Boost from Lebanon

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) will utilize a major financial contribution from Lebanon Turf Products to begin collecting and cataloging information on golf course environmental issues.

This collection will be called the Environmental Resources Library and will include appropriate scientific and technical journals and references.

A significant amount of research has been and continues to be conducted into the environmental impact of golf courses. Dissemination of the results of those investigations is vital to the golf industry. The library, to be housed at GCSAA headquarters in Lawrence, Kan., will help facilitate effective delivery of that information.

Lebanon National Sales & Marketing Manager Paul Grosh said that "there currently is very little effort to monitor, collect and catalog this large volume of information into a single identified source. Because of the absence of a convenient collection, superintendents and the golf industry have not had ready access to information vital to the management of their facilities. To that end, Lebanon

is proud to assist GCSAA in the development of this new Environmental Resources Library."

"Through Lebanon's generosity, GCSAA is in a unique position to establish and maintain the Environmental Resources Library to serve as a central technical information source to the golf industry," said GCSAA President Joseph G. Baidy, CGCS. "The association has been a leader in the dissemination of environmental information, and the addition of current, comprehensive reference materials would greatly strengthen and enhance that effort."

GCSAA will utilize funds contributed by Lebanon to begin acquiring the literature necessary to build a comprehensive library. This material will include:

- Scientific journals and studies
- Technical publications
- Trade and advocacy group magazines
- Reference materials
- Textbooks

To monitor changes in environmental legislation and regulations, GCSAA will use part of the funding to subscribe to a regulatory news service. Selection will be based on the applicability of the service to the golf industry's needs and the availability of the information in CD-ROM format.

GCSAA's Technical Information Services department will oversee the development and maintenance of the Environmental Resources Library.

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