

# 2011 Field Day Set Sept. 15 at UM-St. Paul

The September 15 MTGF / UM Field Day will take place at the University of Minnesota St. Paul Campus and will feature two simultaneous tracks: Turf and Grounds.

This year, a joint session of both Turf and Grounds tracks will explore the issues surrounding the herbicide Imprelis. Officials from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, weed scientists, pesticide chemists, woody plant specialists and turfgrass scientists will present and discuss how we got here, the extent of the damage and what actions are being taken.

Leading researchers at the University of Minnesota will demonstrate the latest research being conducted at the University's Turfgrass Research, Outreach and Education (TROE) Center. Attendees will have the opportunity to:

- Learn about species that can survive 60-days of drought.
- Seed mixtures, species and blends of salt tolerant turfgrasses.
- View results from a dollar spot fungicide trial.
- See new perennial ryegrass NTEP trial which includes cultivars developed at the University of Minnesota.

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- Review selection of plant materials and ground covers that attract beneficial bee populations.
  - Learn what price premium the public places on low-input turfgrass management.
  - See cultivar evaluations of fescues for parks, home lawns and golf course roughs.
  - Hear issues related to the application of DuPont's Imprelis herbicideTurfgrass acute drought survival.
- Other topics include:*
- Dollar spot fungicide trial.
  - NTEP ryegrass.
  - Benefits of bees in the landscape.
  - Salt tolerant turfgrasses.
  - Marketing and economics of low-input turfgrasses.

- Fescues for parks, home lawns and golf course roughs.
- University researchers and commercial providers will discuss issues related to successful grounds management.
- Basic diagnosis skills of pest problems.
- Observe plant insect, disease and abiotic stress.
- View new Dutch elm disease resistant American elms developed for urban landscapes.
- Learn about the use of Missouri gravel beds.
- Methods to root prune container grown plants prior to being planted.
- U of MN Grounds Management Research Update Tour.
- Diagnostic walking tour of landscape pest problems.
- Suppliers to the turf and grounds industry will be on hand to answer attendee questions about the latest products and services available to them during the lunch hour. Optional product demonstrations will follow lunch where attendees can visit personally with exhibitors to learn more about their products.

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