

TIME TO TAKE INVENTORY by Jack Baker, H. V. Carter Co., Inc. Oakland

Along about this time every year, we and others like us, begin the tedious task of taking inventory. This is something that must be done in accordance with good business practice and to determine the value of merchandise and parts on hand and what has moved during the past year's operations.

Have you looked at your inventory lately? Do you plan to do so soon? It is good to establish a habit of checking what you have on hand, the age and condition and determine the value, depreciation, etc. It may be that some items should be classed as obsolete, in need of repair or complete replacement. While labor and replacement parts costs are so high and steadily increasing it might be more feasible to consider new and more modern and efficient equipment.

And, while we are measuring the physical values let's not overlook the inventory of blessings we enjoy living in a "free" country - the freedom of worship, the abundance of food, clothing and comforts of our homes and families, meeting in fellowship of our profession without fear of oppression or harassment - no one has yet been able to put a price on these assets with which we live each day.

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INFORMATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE - by Bob Livesey

Two proposed amendments to the California Administrative Code that should be of interest to the Golf Course Superintendent. It could cause some change in your operation if you use fenamiphos (Nemacur) or Chlorine Gas.

The proposed changes read as follows:

2458.9 Fenamiphos Restrictions. The following restrictions apply to all turf uses of fenamiphos (Nemacur)

(a) Only commercial turf grasses, such as golf courses, cemeteries, sod farms, industrial grounds, or parkways, may be treated with fenamiphos. Fenamiphos shall not be used to treat residential or institutional lawns or public recreation areas other than golf courses.

(b) Fenamiphos shall not be applied with a knapsack or similar equipment that is placed on the applicator's body.

(c) Fenamiphos shall be watered in immediately after it is applied with a minimum of one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) inch of water. Such water shall not be allowed to run off the treated area.

(d) Unprotected persons shall be kept out of areas being treated with fenamiphos until 24 hours after watering, as specified in subsection (c), is completed.

2458.10 Chlorine Gas Restrictions in Swimming Pools.

(a) Chlorine Gas shall be used in public or private swimming pools only when the registered labeling for the chlorine gas specifically provides for such use.

(b) Use of chlorine gas in a public swimming pool shall be in compliance with Sections 7806 and 7807 of Title 17 of this Code.

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GASOHOL AND SMALL ENGINES - Reprint FORE FRONT

With the recent rise in gasoline prices, gasohol, a mixture of 10 percent alcohol and 90 percent gasoline, has been receiving widespread publicity. In some parts of the country, it is widely available at service stations and some resourceful people are distilling their own alcohol to mix with gasoline.

While the use of gasohol in cars is still a matter of controversy, scientists at the Tecumseh Research Laboratory, Ann Arbor, Michigan warn it can have serious effects on small engines.

Tecumseh scientists say that most gasohol contains grain or methyl alcohols which may react with the water content of the fuel to form strong acids. These acids can corrode metal parts and eat rubber and plastics.

Except for cold weather starts, automobile engines do not use a rich fuel-to-air ration. Small engines, however, do run on a rich mixture and they are frequently stored for long periods of time.

This is particularly evident in the case of turf maintenance equipment where both the equipment and the fuel supply may be stored during the off-season. If you want to use gasohol or any other synthetic fuel in your equipment, you should check first with the dealer or manufacturer.

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1980 Dues are now payable. All dues which have been received by November 25th will be processed by December 1. If you have paid your dues, you should have your 1980 membership card and 1980 plate for your plaque, if applicable.

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