

Events



2005
calendar

July 18th

Assistant Superintendent Meeting
San Jose C.C.

August 8th

Scholarship/Research
Stanford G.C.

September 29th

Oakland A's Baseball Game & BBQ

October 24th

GCSANC & Sierra Nevada GCSA
Joint Meeting
Silverado C.C.

November 14th & 15th

Superintendents Institute
Aptos Seascape G.C.

December

Holiday Meeting
Portola Plaza Hotel, Monterey

FOR SALE

Santa Rosa Golf & Country Club has several used pieces of equipment for sale including:

Jacobsen LF 100 w/4092 hrs.	\$6500.00
Jacobsen LF 125 w/4793 hrs.	\$5500.00
Lastec Articulator	\$7200.00

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SIX PRINCIPLES FOR LANDSCAPE WASTE REDUCTION

As our communities strive to find new ways to reduce waste, green industry professionals can play an important role by reducing the quantity of waste they generate at the job site. As many landscape professionals know, this can be accomplished through adopting one or more of the following "Principles" for landscape waste reduction.

Healthy soil

Good soil supports healthy plant growth and diminishes the need for excessive irrigation and fertilization. A good soil consists of soil clusters (aggregates), air space, and organic matter holding a variety of important micro-nutrients. In combination, these factors produce a soil that retains moisture, soil air, and nutrients that will support healthy growth of the landscape. Healthy soil must be created and maintained. By adding compost (humus) or by mulching, poor soil can be transformed over time into a healthier growing medium for landscaping.

Use waste efficient/low maintenance landscaping

Select slow growth plantings that require less maintenance. How do you find slow growth plants? Drought tolerant plants, by their nature, are also slow growth and produce less waste. Consult the "Water Use Classification of Landscape Species" (WUCOLS) list to determine which drought tolerant varieties will grow best in your region. In addition to selecting slow growth/drought tolerant plants, consider placement and spacing. Don't place plantings in tight spaces where minimal growth will require pruning. Proper spacing between plants allows more natural growth, minimizing the need for excessive pruning.

Irrigate efficiently and limit fertilization

Excessive watering and fertilization results in faster growth, requiring more maintenance and disposal of waste. Use water-efficient irrigation equipment such as drip or low output sprinkler heads and water landscaping according to specific needs. Also use the needs of landscaping to determine how much and when to fertilize. Normally, moderate applications of fertilizers in spring and fall are all that is needed to support healthy and attractive growth.

Shred and mulch!

Using shredded green waste as a mulch makes a lot of sense, especially if you have a large quantity of green waste material with wood content. Mulching provides a variety of benefits, including weed prevention, moisture retention, mud abatement, and erosion control. As an added benefit, when the mulch decomposes, it will help condition the soil and add nutrients.

Prune conservatively

A large contributor of waste is excessive and haphazard pruning of shrubs and trees. Pruning should be limited to maintain controlled but natural growth patterns. "Topping" or "shearing" where large quantities of material are removed is wasteful and unhealthy. It also will encourage new and excessive growth.

Limit turf areas

Grass lawns are heavy contributors of waste, especially during the warmer months. Lawns also require large amounts of water. By removing or reducing turf areas, maintenance, waste disposal, and irrigation requirements can be reduced. Removal of small, irregular shaped turf areas eliminates difficult mowing transitions which results in easier maintenance. Replace grass with slow-growth, drought tolerant ground covers for attractive landscaping with significantly lower maintenance requirements and costs.

Local government and waste management agencies are working hard to find solutions for cutting waste. Landscape generated waste continues to be a significant part of waste sent to the landfill. Contra Costa, Napa, and Solano Counties have joined with the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) to form the Landscape Management Outreach Partnership (LMOP). The partnership's goal is to promote the practices described here to assist professional landscapers and other large generators to reduce waste. If you would like additional information on green waste reduction, please contact the Partnership at (925) 906-1801. For additional information about green waste reduction, visit the CIWMB website at <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/organics/>