Finding tree information on the Internet is pretty easy. But, finding the information you want is harder. I know there are lots more sites out there, but here are just a couple of my favorites.

You can usually get a couple of ideas or opinions from these pages.

- Arboriculture Trees and Timber, www.arborists.com/WORLD/USA/home.html, has many links including Arborists Forum and Discussion
- The International Society of Arboriculture, www.ag.uiuc.edu/~isa, has discussion pages
- The Davey Tree Expert Company, www.davey.com will take questions to be answered by its technical advisors

**Good info**

Many Extension sites are very good, including Nebraska and Minnesota.

- Community Forestry Georgia Extension, www.forestry.uga.edu/subjects/community.html

**Labs**

- Diagnostic Labs, http://plants.okstate.edu/plantdoctor/labs.htm, lists the labs for states and provinces plus any links

**Links**


**Diseases and fungi**

- Plant disease facts, from Penn State, www.cas.psu.edu/docs/CASDEPT/PLANT/ect/fact.html
- Disease management recommendations for trees and shrubs, www.mes.umn.edu/Documents/D/ G/DG6659.html, from Minnesota Extension
- OSU and Virginia Tech Species, Pests and Diseases, www.hcs.ohio-state.edu/hcs/TMI/TR2/pmTOC.html, lets you search in various ways

**Tree hazards**

- "Diseases That Create Hazards," Penn State
- The St. Paul site links to the hazard tree webpage, including "How To Recognize Hazardous Defects In Trees."
- Natural Path’s website has some very good information on communities and risk of hazard, I recommend it, www.naturalpath.com/forum.htm

**Pruning**

- Plant Amnesty has an interesting take on bad pruning practices, www.plantamnesty.org
- "How to Prune Trees," St. Paul
- "Trees and Shrubs, Problems and Care," from Colorado Extension, has some good information www.colostate.edu/Depts/CoopExt/TRA/PLANTS/tree.html#treepruning

**Tree species info and photos**

- ISU Forestry Tree ID is an interactive key, www.even.iastate.edu/Pages/tree
- Species images can also be found on OSU and Virginia Tech Species, Pests and Diseases
- This site promotes a CD, but you can find lots of information on Ornamental Plants Plus, www.msuextension.msu.edu/msue/imp/modop/masterop.html

**Other interesting info**

- "Tolerance to Construction Damage" and "Identification by Wood Characteristics," from Georgia Extension
- "Vegetation Management Guidelines," www.inhs.uiuc.edu/edu/VMG/VMG.html


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**Prune the web down to size**

NANCY STAIRS
Technical Editor
The St. Lucie County landfill, situated along I-95, near Fort Pierce, FL, had a problem. When it covered its 100-ft. high, 100,000-sq.-ft. mound of trash with a couple of feet of soil, nothing seemed to keep Florida's torrential rains from washing the dirt away.

"We tried just about everything, but had little luck," said Leo Cordeiro, solid waste manager for St. Lucie County. Even sodding the 3-to-1 slope with squared sections didn't work.

"We'd get a two-hour rain and the sod would wash right down that slope," said Cordeiro.

Covering the dirt with rolls of netting and then seeding the hill wasn't the answer, either. Again, rain simply took away the dirt, netting and seeds.

Finally, Nature's Keepers Landscaping of Fort Pierce entered the picture. Eventually, they developed a solution for which everyone was searching. But at first, the 31-man operation was as stumped as everybody.

"We went to a bid meeting a couple of years ago," said Stewart Feketa, vice president of Nature's Keepers. "There were about five of us offering up ideas, but no real solutions came out of it. Even our idea wasn't the greatest."

**Hey, it's an idea**

Nature's Keeper's original proposal: A bulldozer would climb the slope carrying pallets of sod to a team of workers, who then would painstakingly pull the seams together.

And, even then, the rain might very well ruin all that hard work. And so the county continued to search for an answer, as did Nature's Keepers.

Finally, the solution came when Nature's Keeper bought an HD4500 Posi-Track all-purpose crawler built by ASV Inc. of Grand Rapids, MN. A relatively new category of work machine, the all-purpose crawler, with its rubber tracks and light footprint (3.0 psi), seemed to be just what the St. Lucie County landfill needed.

In addition to a variety of landscaping tasks, Nature's Keepers was having success with its new machine laying out big rolls of sod — as a result, they were achieving amazing results and saving a remarkable amount of time.

**Much faster than hand work**

By using a sod-rolling attachment fitted to the front of the machine through a quick-attach system, the company was working several times faster than by hand, said Feketa. The attachment grabbed the sod by extending rotating cones into both ends of the tube at the center of the roll. With the roll in front of the driver, the sod could then easily be laid directly along the seam. Moreover, as the machine rolled over the sod, it actually pressed the seams together and helped the sod stay in place — with no damage done.

But could the crawler work on such a steep slope? "There is not a wheeled machine made that would go on that 3-to-1 slope," said Feketa.
If the all-purpose crawler could, Feketa knew rolling the sod would make the job not only faster and easier, but better.

**Big rolls the answer**

"Big rolls were certainly preferable to pallets," said Feketa. "On a 400-sq.-ft. pallet, there would have been 560 joints to join, yet with two 200-sq.-ft. rolls, there were four joints with a biodegradable mat under it to help hold the sod to the ground. On a hill where the sod doesn't want to be there anyway, that's significant."

It took only a quick demonstration of the machine easily climbing the loose soil on the slope to convince the county to give Nature's Keepers a shot.

Feketa had two men on the hill and one in a forklift. He handled the all-purpose crawler himself. With a big roll of sod attached to the front of the rubber-tracked machine, Feketa laid the sod as he angled his way up the slope. When the sod ran out, he returned to the base of the mound, where the forklift would feed him another roll. Meanwhile, the men on the side of the hill pulled the seams together. The job was completed in a day and a half.

"The Posi-Track glided up and down the hill all day long, and there was no raking to clear up its tracks because it left none thanks to the low ground pressure; we had a great day," Feketa said. "It would have taken eight men working five 10-hour days, at best, with any other method."

**Rolled sod the only way**

"It was an impressive operation, the way the machine ran up those slopes and in the amount of time it took," said Cordeiro. "The rolled sod is clearly the way to go. It stays on the hill and stops the water from uncovering the trash. We'll be doing all of our sodding with big rolls from now on."

According to Feketa, the Posi-Track seems to be ideally suited to laying out big rolls of sod.

"You can certainly attempt to lay big rolls of sod with a wheeled machine, but it's not as stable and it's difficult to go in a straight line to keep the seams tight," Feketa said.

"I think that's why some landscapers don't use big rolls, because they tried using a machine that's not suited to the task." —LM

About 25% of Nature's Keepers' business is now sodding with big rolls.

—The author is with Carmichael Lynch Spong, Minneapolis, MN.

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Genie Industries TMZ is based on a patented Z configuration. It has a working height of 40 ft. with a 19 ft. outreach.

By CURT HARLER/ Contributing Editor

Equipment owners and fleet managers in the tree-care industry are looking for products that reach high into the sky yet have simple designs. And, they want products that require low maintenance to keep costs down.

Larry Petrasek, the fleet manager for The Davey Tree Expert Company in Kent, OH, uses products by Aerial Lift Inc., Altec and Hydra-Tech Inc. to meet all of these needs.

He says utility contracts are requiring more and more height all the time.

"The height requirement seems to be creeping up," Petrasek said. "Fifty-five-footers are now more common."

Over-center capability is also important to Petrasek, who said the ability to maneuver without moving a truck a lot makes operators more efficient.

Bucket and aerial lift manufacturers are responding to the need for height and flexibility. But there is more to lifts than height.

How long does it take to access key components to perform simple maintenance tasks like lubricating fittings, changing filters or topping off fluids. Ease of adjustment often is overlooked. Can it be done handily in the field? Are special tools or blocks required? Is it a one-person or a two-person job?

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A new access platform for Cat Telehandler models allows the operation to control all boom functions from the platform. This eliminates the need for someone else in the cab. It can be used with outrigger-equipped TH63, TH83 and TH103 models and is well suited to tree trimming work. Two speed controls let the operator precisely position or maneuver the platform. It has a 550 lb. lift capability, measures 4x3 ft. and is 4 ft. high.

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Van Ladder’s new 2921-T1 has a telescoping side reach up to 21 ft. and a working height of 35 ft. The unit has a front bumper platform from which the bucket can be loaded with tools and entered. The platform can support 300 lbs.

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29 Iowa Turfgrass Field Day ISU Horticulture Research Station, Ames, IA; 800/605-0420

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1-4 International Society of Arboriculture Conference Stamford, CT; 217/355-9411; www.ag.uiuc.edu/~isa

2 Nebraska Turfgrass Field Day & Equipment Show Agricultural Research and Development Center, Mead, NE; 402/472-8619

6-8 TAN-MISSLARK Nursery, Garden, Landscape Supply Show Dallas Convention Center, Houston; Texas Assn. of Nurseriesmen, 800/880-0343; www.growzone.com

9-12 Florida Turfgrass Association Conference & Show University of Florida, Gainesville, FL; 800/822-6721

19-20 PLCAA Legislative Day on the Hill & Arlington Renewal and Remembrance Project Holiday Inn Capitol, Washington, DC; 800/458-3466; www.plcaa.org

21-23 Turfgrass Producers International Summer Convention & Field Days East Lansing Holiday Inn, MI; 847/705-9898; www.turfgrassod.org

23-25 Masters in Management for the Landscape Industry Seminar Hilton Chicago O’Hare Airport; ALCA, 800/395-2522; www.alca.org

24-26 International Lawn, Garden & Power Equipment Expo Kentucky Exposition Center, Louisville, KY; 502/562-1962; http://EXPO.mow.org


25-31 Perennial Plant Symposium & Trade Show Lansing Convention Center, MI; 614/771-8431; www.perennial-plant.org

27 Midwest Regional Turf Field Day West Lafayette, IN; 765/494-8039; www.purdue.edu

27-29 Penn Allied Nursery Trade Show Fort Washington Expo Center, Fort Washington, PA; 717/238-1673; www.pantshow.com

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National Seed Company, a division of Jacklin Seed, appointed Dan Biddick sales representative for WI and MN.

Pennington Seed Inc. appointed Roger Tucker western division turfgrass manager for its Professional Turfgrass Group.

Profile Products LLC promoted Sam Stimmel to national sales manager and named Mark Fields, CGCS, Gulf regional sales manager. Larry Lennert is midwest regional sales manager and Paul Salmon, CGCS, is southeast regional sales manager.

Dr. Jeffrey Higgins is the director of marketing for Pursell

 Technologies Inc. Andrew Semple is regional sales manager for the northern U.S. and Canada.

Mike Tentis was named product manager for the Professional Products Division of Simplot Turf & Horticulture. Tentis is responsible for sales of Jacklin and Medalist America grass seed products in the western U.S. and western Canada, as well as the new proprietary Best brand of grass seed.

Mark Sargent joined Spectrum as director of sales and technical services for professional products.

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Buddy Camors has been named business director of Zeneca Professional Products, taking over the pest control, turf and ornamental business from Kee-lan Pullium. www.zenecaprofprod.com

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