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Laurent Girard, general manager of Pacific Topsoil, Everett, WA, knows about trucks. His wholesale landscape supply outfit has a fleet of well over 100, including five huge material blowing vehicles — three Express Blowers and two Blowtechs.

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Goodbye Crabby

Veteran turf manager lets the crabgrass poke its nasty head up before he attacks

BY FRANK ALLEN

With 12 years of experience, Damon Ervie is no stranger to turf management. For the past three years, this director of fields and grounds and his staff of five full-time employees have been maintaining and renovating 87 acres of high-profile sports turf, as well as 230 acres of common areas, for Liberty Public Schools in a suburb of Kansas City, MO.

The problem: crabgrass on a rampage

As with all maintenance and renovation projects, Ervie had some interesting challenges. One was the crabgrass at the Liberty Soccer Complex, a soccer field that had been renovated and seeded with Kentucky bluegrass. The preemergent herbicide he’d used to control it had been a disappointment.

“The window of application for this herbicide is crucial,” Ervie explained. “And we had to have perfect conditions for application.” Ervie also said he was disappointed with the product’s results. Since he had to apply it in early spring — the same time as seeding — it thinned out the grass.

“About 90% of the time, the roots were thin and came to the surface,” Ervie continued on page 62.

Damon’s domain

Institution: Liberty Public Schools
No. schools in district: 20
No. grounds employees: 5 full-time, 10 seasonal
No. of acres maintained: 230 common school grounds, 87 sports turf
Herbicide used: BASF’s Drive
Equipment: Toro mowers, John Deere tractors

When Ervie and his crew renovated the school’s soccer field, they ran into a serious problem with crabgrass.