

HOW'S YOUR TURF IQ? — ANSWERS

1. Sand, silt, clay.
2. Soil texture is the soil particle sizes and the relative proportions of the various soil separates in the soil and it then determines the soil texture class, such as: silty clay, clay loam, sandy clay loam.
3. The loams, loamy sands and the coarse sandy loams are the best for turfgrass culture.
4. When soils contain over 20% organic matter in the upper one foot of the profile they are called an organic soil.
5. Microorganisms are responsible for decomposition of plant residues.

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Dear Ray:

Due to many circumstances, Burdett's, Inc. will be closing its doors.

Our association and my personal association with the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents Association has been long and wonderful.

I will be informing you of where I land, but in the meanwhile will you please express my gratitude to all my friends in the MAGCS for the good times over the last 20 years.

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CLEANING UP THE PESTICIDES

I think it's safe to assume that those nice, warm, balmy days are behind us now, and with cold weather upon us it's time for that final cleanup.

Let's begin by locating all pesticide containers, full or empty. This would include insecticides, fungicides, herbicides, rodenticides, products used to control mold, mildews, viruses, bacteria, and germs, or any of the better known pests. They can be found just about anywhere. Don't hesitate to look in the most unlikely spots. It seems that children have a habit of finding and playing with things you overlook. Check all areas of your garage, kitchen, and basement.

There is no such thing as an empty pesticide container. There's always a little material left in the bottom of the can or bottle. The containers have been known to be used by kids for water containers. Don't leave them around to be used for anything.

Bottles for disposal should be placed in a paper sack and broken with a hammer. Cans should be crushed and punctured with holes to prevent reuse. However, do not puncture, crush, or burn any pressurized spray cans. Paper containers should be disposed of in the trash barrel immediately after emptying. Do not burn these as their fumes may be toxic.

Homeowners or business establishments having large amounts of pesticides ready for disposal should contact the Illinois Department of Public Health in Springfield for proper disposal procedures.

Pesticides that are going to be stored and used for next season should be locked up to keep the children from getting in trouble.

Pesticides sprayers can be expensive. They should be drained completely. Don't drain herbicides (weed killers) near plants or insecticides where children or pets can come in contact with them.

If you are not going to be using your sprayer this winter, coat the inside with rust inhibitor. It's always best to store these precision tools in a temperate spot. Freezing can cause problems.

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