

## “Stewardship is Everyone’s Concern”

by Kerry Anderson

What is stewardship? Stewardship is the attendance to or the administration of certain products or services in a responsible manner. In what area is stewardship especially important? It is very important with the use of pesticides that are applied to a golf course area.

When one speaks about responsible use, the first thing that comes to mind is the proper attention to the **entire** label applied by a particular manufacturer. It is imperative that we, as applicators, are aware of the full extent of the label and follow it to its entirety.

Secondly, stewardship means that when a material is applied, it is applied in the manner consistent with the label. Many times problems that occur with litigation or other concerns come from “off label” uses of the chemical.

Knowing how products work is extremely important also. You should educate yourself to the fullest extent when using particular products. This is where the distributor representative or manufacturer representative can be of great assistance. They are not there only to sell you products, but they are available to educate you on the best application methods and on other label needs. If they do not have the answer to a particular question, they should have the resources to obtain those answers.

As you can see stewardship involves all individuals who are involved throughout the process, from manufacturing to final spray use. The responsible use of any product, not only with pesticides, is critical. It will assure that many of the good products now available will remain available.

The Commercial Member Advisory Committee is available for concerns involving the stewardship process. This committee can support your needs as members of the Midwest Golf Course Superintendents Association. Please allow us to help you if we may!

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