

Important Public Service Announcement: Drought makes golf courses dry. Dry golf courses need water and wetting agents. Water and wetting agents are sometimes best applied through a hose-end applicator. Hose-end applicators can become dangerous hand grenades if their structural integrity has been compromised. Don't let your hose-end applicator become a hand grenade—check it thoroughly before turning that quick coupler on.



When pressure reached this applicator, the jar broke just under the threads, hurtling it 63 yards from its operator, with an accompanying pop heard over 400 yards away. The nozzle

also blew off, sending it in another direction. Had the jar been directed toward the operator, it would have been really ugly. I know this—it was me, and it scared the poopie outta me.

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 The PLANET 2012 Green Industry Conference, which is hosted by the Professional Landcare Network (PLANET), is held in conjunction with the GIE+EXPO and Hardscape North America trade shows from October 24th through the 26th in Louisville, KY. Attendees will learn practical formulas for business success, as well as solutions for dealing with technology, sustainable practices, generation Y, and the changing landscape of the green industry. Information on this conference can be found at www.landcarenetwork.org/GreenIndustryConf.

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 The Turfgrass Information File (TGIF), produced at the Turfgrass Information Center of the Michigan State University Libraries, passed a significant milestone recently. As of June, 50% of all TGIF records link to full-text of the item. This is a huge deal, especially for researchers who spend countless hours searching for full-text documents in research libraries. Today, TGIF has around 204,000 total records (including this magazine), with over 102,000 being full-text accessible. Neat, huh?

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 The July 15th Sunday Tribune ran a story about this season's drought and its effects on local courses called "No Lie: Golf Courses Enduring Drought." In it, MAGCS members **Kevin Carlson** of the Naperville Park District, **Brad Helms** of Palatine Hills and **Bryan Stromme** from Billy Casper Golf were asked how their respective golf courses were handling

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