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FAX INFO LINE INTRODUCED

TOMS RIVER, N.J. — Rutgers Cooperative Extension is offering a new way to receive information using FAX machines.

People with FAX machines and touch-tone telephones can retrieve various kinds of information by dialing 908-932-6767 and requesting the index of documents. The information in the system is rapidly expanding, but today includes:

- newsletters written by specialists and agents around the state;
- pesticide label updates;
- Integrated Pest Management insect population counts and pest-control information; and
- legislative updates including guidelines for compliance to state and federal laws.

Callers ask for the menu, then dial the four-digit document number. The materials are then sent to the caller's FAX machine.

Questions and comments may be made to system coordinator Peter Nitzsche at 201-285-8300 or county agricultural agents.

ROOT-ZONE RESEARCH INITIATED

WESTFORD, Mass. — Nardone Sand and Gravel is establishing root-zone research plots to help superintendents and architects choose the mix best suited for their construction.

The five-year project is focusing on 12 popular root-zone mixes and also on top dressings. Bob Nardone hopes the findings will help people in the industry with upcoming construction, reconstruction or renovation projects.

Nardone provided 2-1/2 acres at his facility here for the research and has hired Dr. Annamarie Pennucci to help develop the facility and analyze data.

Most of the research will be done on bentgrass greens cut at 5/32 inch. The initial research will look at appropriate root-zone blends for the best new bentgrass cultivars — doing such things as combining date with that on New Hampshire turf plots.

Other plots will be available for shade studies, and others will be set apart for research on ornamentals, wetland grasses and other plants.

VERMONT, N.H. SUPERS MEET

FAIRLEE, Vt. — The Vermont and New Hampshire golf course superintendents will hold their annual joint meeting at the Lake Morey Country Club here Sept. 13.

Revenue will be marked for the VtGCSA Bob Ward Memorial Scholarship Fund and turfgrass research. A trade show from 8 a.m. to noon will be followed by a nine-hole tournament.

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YARD WASTE OUTLAWED

Starting Sept. 1, landfills in Nebraska were no longer be allowed to accept specific types of waste, including grass clippings, yard waste, lead-acid batteries and waste oil. The bans are the first of several Nebraska landfills will face in the next several years.

"The reason behind the ban on yard waste is to reduce the amount of waste being sent to landfills," said Joe Francis, assistant director in charge of the Air and Waste Management Division. "Yard waste accounts for 15 to 20 percent of the



municipal waste stream. By finding better alternatives for yard waste, we should be able to keep our landfills open longer, and delay the high costs of building new sites. Waste oil and lead-acid batteries will be banned because they contain hazardous materials which can potentially contaminate Nebraska's

land and water resources."

DEQ has a brochure which further explains the land disposal ban of yard waste, waste oil and lead-acid batteries. To obtain a copy, or if additional information is needed, contact the DEQ Integrated Waste Management Section at 402-471-4210.

OTF PROMOTES STREET

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Ohio Turfgrass Foundation has promoted Dr. John Street to executive director of the 29-year-old association. Street had served as executive secretary for 14 years.

Julie Guenther was hired as

OTF's new executive secretary. She will be responsible for membership, publications, the annual conference and show, and the day-to-day operations of OTF. The new OTF address is P.O. Box 14824, Columbus 43214-0824; 614-261-6750.

OTF CONFERENCE, TRADE SHOW

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The OTF will hold its 28th Annual Conference and Trade Show, Dec. 6-9 at the Columbus Convention Center. For information on exhibiting and/or attending contact: Julie Guenther, OTF, P.O. Box 14824, Columbus 43214-0901; 614-261-6750.

For some, beautiful drives down the fairway occur long before the first tee time.