

Va. Tech, Cook offer short courses

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Virginia Tech is offering a five-day program in turfgrass ecology and management starting Jan. 30, designed to provide an overview of the fundamentals of turfgrass management.

The Turfgrass Ecology and Management Short Course is designed for both new professional turfgrass managers as well as experienced managers. Thirteen faculty from different disciplines will offer 36 hours of

lectures and lab instruction.

The fee for the course is \$365, which includes the book "Turfgrass Management" by A.J. Turgeon, a notebook, a certificate, group photograph, banquet, reception and refreshments. The registration deadline is Jan. 16.

For more information about registration contact the Conference Registrar's office at 703-231-5183. For course information, contact Dr. Dave Chalmers at 703-231-5797.



COOK COLLEGE OFFERS COURSES

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — The Cook College Office of Continuing Professional Education at Rutgers University is offering two short courses designed for environmental, landscape and engineering professionals.

The first, scheduled for Jan. 13 and 14, 1995, is "Lake Management" and will cover lake

ecology and lake rehabilitation measures. The course fee is \$145 and includes two meals and course materials.

The second, Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, is "Stabilization and Restoration of Disturbed Sites" and will explore ways to control erosion by establishing vegetative cover. The fee is \$195 and includes two meals and course materials.

For more information or to register contact Cook College of Continuing Professional Education at 908-932-9271, or write to P.O. Box 231, New Brunswick, N.J. 08903-0231.

Turf book out

OAKLAND PARK, Fla. — A new book to help superintendents determine how healthy their greens are and how much they're worth is now available from Turfgrass Products Publications (TPP). "Diagnostic Turfgrass Management ... For Golf Greens," by Tom Masacaro, explains how to evaluate the health and value of the greens through soil samples, analysis and data records. It also outlines a management program built around daily, weekly, monthly and annual monitoring tasks. The book has 100 color photographs and a 500-page workbook with charts and instructions.

The book is available from TPP, 4740 NE 12th Avenue, Oakland Park, Fla. 33334 or by calling 1-800-258-7477.

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hundred yards of compost annually.

Kurtz has served as a consultant to help two Cleveland area courses—The Country Club and Kirtland Country Club—start low-tech windrow operations. The next project will involve Jack Nicklaus' Muirfield Country Club in Columbus, Ohio.

Composting has penetrated more into the high maintenance, expensive country clubs than the public courses, according to Steve Probasco, a sports turf marketing representative with Kurtz Bros. However, similar benefits are possible with municipally owned courses.

The City of Erie, Pa., owns and operates three municipal golf courses. The city is in its third year of operating a municipal yard trimmings composting program. About 50 percent of the compost is used on the courses, while the rest assists in landscaping along roads and in parks, according to Bruce Dougherty, chief of parks and recreation.

The Club at Nevillewood in Collier Township, Pa. has joined in a partnership with the township and nearby Scott Township to handle yard trimmings. A site was selected on an undeveloped lot in Nevillewood. Collier Township maintains the compost piles, and the costs are split among the three contributors according to how much material will be processed. Nevillewood superintendent Ken Flisek plans to use the material for flower beds initially and hopes that enough material will be generated eventually that he will be able to use some for topdressing on fairways.



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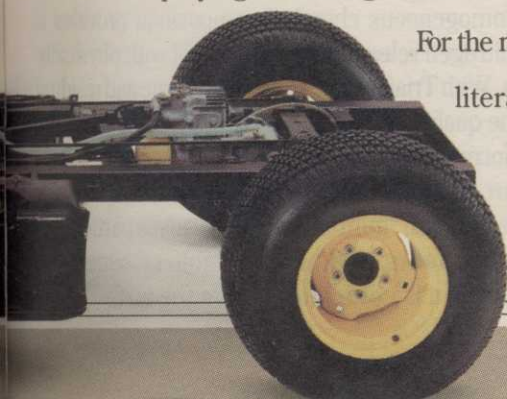
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