

Introducing the New UW Turf Web Site

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The new University of Wisconsin-Madison has a new web site for turfgrass science. Visit www.turf.wisc.edu to check it out. We hope you'll find it so useful that you'll make it your homepage and use it every day next season. Here's a look at what's new:

First, we've added many of the same growing degree day models used by the Michigan State GDD Tracker. The new web site generate color coded maps of growing degree days for Wisconsin and Minnesota so you can improve Poa annua seed head suppression and perfectly time your applications of herbicides and insecticides. We also added a spreadsheet that you can download to better manage your trinexapac-ethyl and paclobutrazol applications.

Next, we've added WIS-TURF (The Wisconsin Irrigation Scheduler for Turf). This scheduler was developed by scientists at UW for agricultural irrigation and I had the opportunity to modify and fine tune it specifically for turf. I'll be working on an instructional video which will describe how to use the new scheduler at your course, so keep an eye out

for that in early spring. We have also added evapotranspiration maps to the web site to help you keep track of ET on a daily basis (no weather station required!).

We also added the UW's Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Science's NEXRAD Radar to the site. I've found this to be the fastest and most reliable of the online radar programs. There is also a calendar function so you can see what's going on in the world of turfgrass science and education.

In addition to the new features, we've maintained the collection of University of Wisconsin Research Reports (since 1993) and have a short description of the Turf and Ground Management program at the UW.

Features still in the development phase include a fungicide selection tool and a collection of handy turf calculators (aerification, topdressing, fertilizer spreader calculators, etc.). We want this site to be as useful as possible to you so please share your comments and suggestions about the new site with me at djsoldat@wisc.edu.



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