

University of Minnesota /MTGF Turfgrass Field Day Set Aug. 8

Have you ever wondered what type of work was being conducted at the University of Minnesota related to turfgrass management and how it relates to the turfgrass manager? Here is your opportunity to become acquainted with what the University has to offer.

The University of Minnesota and the Minnesota Turf and Grounds Foundation are proud to present the 2000 University of Minnesota Turfgrass Field Day to be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2000. This is the first of what will be an annual event that will feature 15 different projects from 10 University of Minnesota faculty and staff.

Projects to be presented will highlight breeding programs in annual bluegrass, Kentucky bluegrass, and perennial ryegrass; beneficial insects and insect management; effect of mower injury and potassium on turfgrass diseases; alternative disease management tools; little bluestem and prairie establishment; remote sensing of moisture levels and use of near infrared spectroscopy (NIRS) for detecting nitrogen and potassium levels in turf. Attendees will also have the opportunity to evaluate turfgrass varieties in the National Turf Evaluation Program (NTEP) trials on campus including Kentucky bluegrass, fairway bentgrass, and the recently established perennial ryegrass trial.

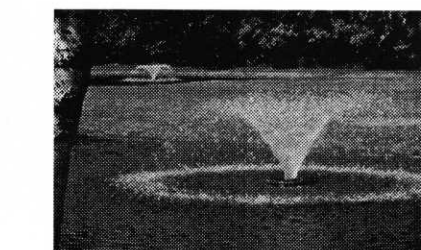
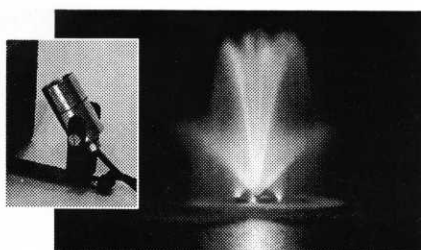
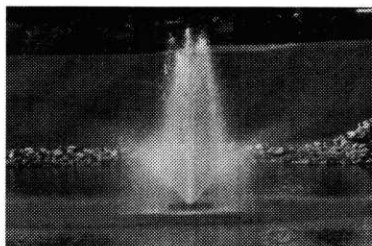
The field day is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. and end by 1:00 p.m. Parking will be available on Gortner Ave on the St. Paul campus just off of Larpenteur Ave. Sign-in will be held from 8 to 9 AM at the demonstration gardens. Individuals who pre-register by July 24th will receive a complimentary field day program upon signing in at the registration desk.

Due to sponsorship by the Minnesota Turf and Grounds Foundation and industry support, the sponsors are currently able to offer this program at no cost. However, you are encouraged to pre-register to receive the field day program. You can pre-register by calling the Minnesota Turf and Grounds Foundation office at 612-625-9234. So mark August 8 on your calendar and plan participating in this inaugural event. If you have any questions about the field day, call Dr. Jon Powell at 612-625-5290.

Wisconsin Turfgrass Association Field Day Set Aug. 8 at the O.J. Noer Turfgrass Facility

The Wisconsin Turfgrass Association has announced that it will hold its annual Field Day on Tuesday, August 8. The WTA is an organization that funds much of the turfgrass research done at O.J. Noer Turfgrass Facility.

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