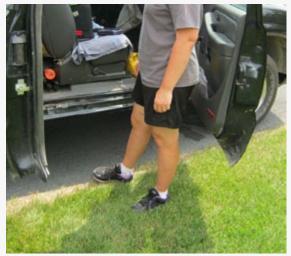
Inspection questions and observations

A *Use Inspection* is when an MDA inspector stops by to observe as you apply a weed, lawn or pesticide product.

Is PPE according to label instructions? If you are not wearing PPE specified on the label, you will be issued an Order (example listed below) to cease and desist until proper PPE is obtained.

PPE Violations and ORDERS

Order to comply A person applying pesticide must obtain PPE required by the label before applying pesticides.



Violations: Missing pants, gloves and long sleeves



Violation: Missing gloves



Meets all PPE requirements pants, long sleeves, safety glasses and gloves



Safety glasses: Must include brow/temple protection.



Within the Leather

by David Kazmierczak, CGCS

The end of October means a lot of things in Minnesota. For us guys and gals in the golf course industry

it means leaf clean-up, tree work and the prepping of the course for winter. It means football, hunting, and hopefully less time on the grind. It also means election season is about to reach its end. I don't know if you have noticed, but it seems to me that political ads have been a lot less this year. I can recall being bombarded with negativism to the point of nausea in years past, and it seems like a lot less this year.

Now granted, the elections are a week and a half away from the time of this writing, and the ramping up of ads surely will begin shortly. The year 2014 also isn't a presidential year, so the buzz clearly isn't as great if it were, but there are very important elections coming up in this state for governor, the senate and house, and many state and local contests.

Maybe it's because of the perceived lack of political ads, or more likely my being distracted by any number or work and family things,

but I just haven't even given the upcoming election much thought at all- which is kind of strange and definitely not good.

Now, it's not like I am a huge political wonk. I am not glued to Rush Limbaugh over the lunch hour or spending my evenings with Anderson Cooper on CNN. My political views lean to the right but contain many central views. They have been shaped by primarily my parents, my education and my life experiences both in the U.S. and abroad. But as I have advanced in years my interest in who is making the decisions that will shape the world in which I operate have increased dramatically.

When I was young, I didn't really care too much about government matters. I was just working for the man, making my money and grousing when looking at my with holdings for a short while. My attitude was pretty much that one guy can't make a difference and my vote didn't count for much anyway. I am now ashamed to admit there was a few times I just plain didn't vote.

I bring this up because as soon as I am done writing this column I