

GRASS

Saves Your Environment

As world-wide urbanization continues at break-neck speed, man continues to build larger cities covering vast expanses of land. As a consequence, most science fiction foresees our future as a bleak place with barren grimy city streets. However, if you look around, you will find that some of us are working hard to green the concrete jungle.

Any urban architect will tell you that people flock to green spaces. The more green park areas there are in a city, the higher its livability is rated. Science tells us that green spaces aren't just restful and attractive; they also help counter environmental degradation.



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It's not only in our cities that turfgrass is making a difference. Construction in environmentally sensitive areas is often aided by installation of turfgrass sod to halt soil erosion immediately on disturbed land. Turf eliminates water and wind erosion and is a natural filter for pollutants and dust. The beautiful green earth cover also aids in limiting runoff by passing water through the root zone to assist in water regeneration and to recharge our vital water resources. Grass is both a pleasure to look at and a soft, natural carpet to walk and play on. Grass is special. To baseball players, it symbolizes the true spirit of the game. And who can imagine a game of golf without enjoying the relaxing experience of walking on cool, springy natural turf? Whether you are enjoying the outdoors at home or in a park, it's easy to understand why mankind has a love affair with natural turf. ♦

— Manderley Report, Spring 1998

Coming Events

September 25

Ontario Agricultural College Heritage Banquet & Ball
Information: Carla Bradshaw (519) 824-4120 x 6657

November 7-9

The Irrigation Association International Irrigation Show
Orlando, FL, Information: (703) 573-3551

November 7-10

National Institute on Park and Grounds Management 29th Annual Educational Conference, Kansas City, MO, Information: (920) 733-2301

November 9-11

New York State Turfgrass Association Turf and Grounds Exposition
Syracuse, New York, Information: (800) 873-8873

January 4-6, 2000

Ontario Turfgrass Symposium *Tools for 2000*
Toronto, ON, Information: (519) 767-5000

January 4, 2000

Sports Turf Association Annual General Meeting (at OTS 2000)
Information: (519) 763-9431

January 11-13, 2000

Landscape Ontario Congress 2000
Canada's International Horticultural Trade Show & Conference
Toronto, ON, Information: (905) 875-1805

January 12-16, 2000

Sports Turf Managers' Association 11th Annual Conference & Exhibition
St. Louis, MO, Information: (800) 323-3875

January 31-February 25, 2000

University of Guelph - Office of Open Learning - Turf Managers' Short Course, Guelph, ON, Information: (519) 767-5000

February 1, 8, 15, 22 & March 7, 14, 2000

University of Guelph - Office of Open Learning
Pesticide Applicators Certification Exam Preparation Course
Guelph, ON, Information: (519) 767-5000

Visualization

"Almost all world-class athletes and other peak performers are visualizers. They see it; they feel it; they experience it before they actually do it. They begin with the end in mind."

— Stephen Covey

