

2011

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NJ State League of Municipalities
96th Annual Conference
November 15-17, 2011
Atlantic City Convention Center
609.695.3481
www.njslom.org

New Jersey Green Expo
December 6-8, 2011
NJ Turfgrass Assoc.
Trump Taj Mahal, Atlantic City, NJ
973.812.6467
www.njturfgrass.org

STMA Annual Conference
January 10-14, 2012
Sports Turf Mgrs. Assoc.
Long Beach, CA
1.800.323.3875
www.stma.org

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Athletic Field Maintenance
February 14-15, 2012
Reduced Pesticide Inputs and
Organic Options
for Sports Turf
February 21, 2012
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Surface Selection
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February 22, 2012
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STENCILING

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both common. Other tools include hash mark sleds and batter's box frames. Some sports field managers use planks as straight edges for painting along wide out of bounds lines or along end zone letters. If number stencils become warped, place on concrete and allow the sun's heat to warm and flatten them in a couple of hours. When dotting stencils, use an aerosol can to do it. This way the paint will dry faster. When painting logos, paint a white base coat first and allow it to dry. Then paint colors on top. Don't go by the rule "If a little paint looks good, a whole lot of paint will look great!" Too much paint can be harmful to turf. On most logos and letters, a border around each will make your work stand out on the field.

Paint Removal: If you make a mistake, be sure to keep an aerosol can of green paint or some turf colorant handy as an "eraser". I use a long handle, soft bristle truck washing brush and some mild soapy water as well as water hose for paint removal when necessary.

Sports field graphics make the game easier to play on and watch. Sharp looking field graphics draw the eyes away from field imperfections such as wear. It helps to create team pride, brings out the beauty of your field and showcases the talents of you and your crew.

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