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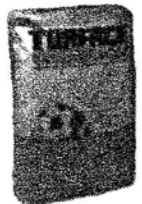
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Before putting your equipment away for the season, take time to do a thorough inspection of all safety shields, belts, hoses and hardware to make sure all are present and in good repair. Lubricate all cables and linkages to prevent seizing over the cold season. You can wait to sharpen or replace blades on mowing equipment until the next mowing season. A freshly sharpened blade can rust, requiring yet another sharpening at the beginning of the next season. Clean debris from around the engine cooling fins and then wash. Paint any scratched or roughed up areas to prevent rust. Coating exposed areas with a protective spray such as Fluid Film is also recommended. Then store the equipment in a dry place, or cover the unit(s) to protect from the weather.

Not only can taking the time to store your outdoor powered equipment properly add longevity to your equipment fleet, but it can also help identify potential problems that can be corrected in the off-season. ▲



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Nominations for 2003 Board of Directors of “Sports Field Managers Association of NJ”

Be prepared to vote for (6) Board of Director position's at the next NJ Turfgrass Expo in Atlantic City, December 9th to 12th.

- **Dr. James Murphy** – (Associate Extension Specialist in Turfgrass Management for Rutgers, department of Plant science) Dr. Murphy has served as a Board of Director member since SFMANJ began. He is the Education Chairman, has worked with the activities committee and has spoken at several of our functions.
- **Eleanor Murfitt** – (Parks & Recreation Director, Washington Twp. Morris Co.) Eleanor has served as the SFMANJ President since the chapter began. She is also the founder of the organization serving on the newsletter, membership and activities committees. Eleanor will be speaking at a class for NJRPA and the Expo educational sessions on athletic fields.
- **Fred Castenschiold** – (Sales, Storr Tractor Co.) Fred has served on the Board of Director's since the chapter began. He also has done a great job as secretary of the Board for 2 years and Chaired the activities committee.
- **Dean Marzocca** – (Pres. Dean's Lawn & Landscape) Dean has served on the Board of Director's since the chapter began. . He also has done a great job as Treasurer of the Board for 3 years and Chaired the Budget committee. Also, Dean speaks on maintaining you equipment at Rutgers classes. He has chaired the Expo Educational sessions for 3 years.
- **Bud Perdun** – (Grounds/Maint. North Brunswick Bd of Ed.) Bud has served on the Board of Director's for 2 years. Bud is Chairperson of District III of the chapter. Also, Bud speaks at the Rutgers classes on athletic fields.
- **Clare S. Liptak** – (Rutgers Univ. Soil Extension Specialist) Clare has attended the past 5 Board of Director's meetings in hopes of being voted as a Board member. She would like to increase the awareness of soil testing in athletic fields. Also, Clare would like to identify the needs of the sports field manager's in order serve him/her better.
- **George Van Haasteren, CGM** – (Director of Grounds, Dwight Englewood School) George has been a SFMANJ member for 1 year. SFMANJ “Update” newsletter published an article of George's. He also speaks at Rutgers athletic field classes.