# Follow Your Own Advice

My compliments on issuing such a fine vocational professional trade journal as "WEEDS TREES and TURF."

As an instructor in turfgrass management, I make use of the magazine as a technical guide. As a parks department landscape coordinator, I use the copy for in-service training, a buyer's guide, and a self-improvement check list.

I heard Dr. Sylwester's presentation at the weed conference in Anaheim, Calif., this spring, and also wondered why we do not repair own own house first. Your editorial is greatly appreciated. However, going page by page, the reports and advertisements do not follow your suggested lead in changing the way we talk.

Nor does the editor follow his own advice, i.e., page 7 advertises three different pesticides, all of which are crop protection chemicals; page 25—negative approach; also inside back cover, to point out three.

I am well aware that anyone can criticize, but by turning to look at what we do may enable us to do better. Keep up the good work.—WALTER J. BARROWS, landscape coordinator, Ventura, Calif.

### Can See Big Picture

Congratulations on the general review of herbicides in the February WEEDS TREES and TURF (Herbicides for Beginners). This is just the sort of thing to bring the "big picture" together. It makes relevant terminology that we use all the time, but seldom view in proper perspective. It's a fine, comprehensive article.—ROBERT W. SCHERY, director of the Lawn Institute, Marysville, Ohio.

## He Liked March

I have just finished your March edition and wanted to congratulate you on the fine articles and the entire makeup of this edition. It is a big job well done.— JAMES L. FITZGIBBON, Lakeshore Equipment & Supply Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

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