

PRODUCTS

Bio-groundkeeper works to reduce thatch

KLM Bio Systems of Bloomington, Minn., has added convenient measuring devices to its 32-oz. starter size bottles of liquid thatch reducer.

"There is quite naturally a lot of interest in totally organic lawn care and turf products these days," says Paul Marrs, company president.

"We've included what we call the 'accurate measurer' on our smaller bottles in answer to the demand for

more controlled testing on smaller plots."

Bio-Groundkeeper for Thatch Reduction contains a concentrate of microbial extracts and bio-catalysts that aid and accelerate natural decomposition of thatch. KLM reports that the totally organic liquid thatch reducer has proven to be highly successful in studies at Michigan State University's department of botany and plant pathology. Researchers found the product caused a "significant decrease in

thatch in less than 90 days."

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Rock formations add beauty to landscapes

As the rock and waterscape industry develops into the '90s, new designs, technologies and construction methods are coming to be realized.

Macaire, located in Los Angeles, is one of the leaders in rockscaping. Landscape specialist Ken Macaire de-



signs rockscapes for residential and commercial clients in Southern California.

Features of Macaire designs include individually designed features and innovative looks, leach lines to create many levels of water flow, sculptured rockwork and plants designed directly into the rockwork.

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Pour spout is designed for safety, convenience

The Sure Pour pouring spout is an innovative new product designed to be a safer, more convenient way of filling power units to which fuel must be transported. The patented Sure Pour spout can be inserted into the gas tank before fuel starts to flow. Simply push down for the spout valve to open.



Fuel flows until the tank is full, then automatically shuts off to prevent overfilling.

While fuel flows, vapors are venting through the spout's own venting system back into the gas can which aids in eliminating vapors escaping into the atmosphere. When the spout

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is removed from the tank, the valve closes and seals.

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Snowblower line fits commercial, home needs

Kubota Tractor Corp. has expanded its line of snowblowers to include the G2500, the G2505, the B2551 and the B/L2563. All are designed to fit Kubota compact tractors in both its



home and commercial categories. These models are built for big jobs, such as road clearing, parking lots and driveways.

The G2500/G2505 front-mount snowblowers for Kubota's G-Series lawn and garden tractors are available in 38-inch and 48-inch widths, with a manual or hydraulic lift. A manual chute rotator allows for side-to-side and downward direction control.

The front or rear mount B2551 snowblower has a 51-inch cutting width and fits tractors from Kubota's B-Series line for lawn, garden nursery and vineyard use. This blower features a 14-inch diameter auger and a high speed blower.

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Sweeper cleans large turf areas, can dethatch

A Jacobsen 720 sweeper is designed for cleaning large turf areas.

The unit cleans a five-foot wide path, and comes with a five cubic-yard hopper.

The sweeper has a rubber fingers pick-up system, to remove wet and



dry leaves, branches, clippings, pine needles, trash and other debris.

An optional thatcher-thinner de-

thatches turf as it's cleaned.

Galvanized steel construction makes the sweeper box virtually maintenance-free.

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Turf products packaged in durable material

As the need and market for environmentally sound products continues, Ringer Corp. has improved the packaging for its line of natural professional turf and landscape products.

The new Ringer bags are made with a more durable material that's better stitched to withstand the demands of commercial applications.

The bags are also printed with a lower dye content and the directions have been simplified.

The new packaging can be found on Ringer's comprehensive line of natural commercial products, including Flower & Foliage, Greens Super, Greens and Turf.

The products are formulated for a wide variety of granular applications for golf course, general turf and horticulture uses.



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New company makes lawn hydroseeders

Signature Lawns of San Mateo, Calif., is new to the hydroseeder industry. It



markets the Techni-seeder.

"As competitive as the landscape business is, I'm amazed at the amount of money a contractor can make with a Techni-seeder," says company president Daniel Munier.

The Techni-seeder is a state-of-the-art hydroseeder which boasts the most convenient, effective and profitable means for establishing residential and small to mid-size commercial lawns.

The unit is a low maintenance, one-man operation. Features include self-cleaning pump and hose.

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New perennial ryegrass a very tolerant plant

Accolade is the newest exclusive Scotts brand seed variety.

Accolade's most notable features are good winter color, early spring greening, good drought and cold tolerance and good seedling vigor.

Accolade also has a high endophyte level, which results in excellent tolerance to a wide number of surface-feeding insects. Scott's Professional Business Group believes that these characteristics make Accolade a welcome component in any mix requiring perennial ryegrass.

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Controlled release tablets contain major nutrients

Sierra Controlled Release Fertilizer Tablets are bonded pre-measured amounts of Sierra Controlled Release Fertilizer which continuously release major and minor nutrients from every single prill.

With an N-P-K analysis of 16-8-12, these 7.5 gram tablets have an 8- to 9-month longevity at 70° average soil temperature.

Sierra tablets provide a combination of Osmocote coating to N-P-K and Micromax micronutrient technology. The two are combined in an even more convenient, dependable single application form.

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Four proprietary varieties released by research co.

Seed Research of Oregon announces the release of four high quality, proprietary turfgrass varieties.

SR 4200 is "the next generation in dwarf-type perennial ryegrasses," and is a leafy, fine-textured grass with high tillering ability and bright, dark green color.

SR 5000 chewings fescue was bred for a dark green color, high quality appearance and improved summer performance.

SR 8200 is Seed Research's newest tall fescue. The slower growth rate will reduce mowing requirements throughout the growing season.

SR 2000 Kentucky bluegrass is a low growing bluegrass with a dark green color, developed to have mod-

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erately wide leaves so it can be readily mixed with fine-textured tall fescue varieties.

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New way to protect, store fertilizer bags

Arrowhead Plastic Engineering, Inc. of Muncie, Ind., introduces the "Dri-box."

The Dri-box is designed to store and protect dry bags of fertilizer on open-bed trucks.

Molded from durable, corrosion-resistant polyolefin material, the Dri-box features a continuous seal for weather resistant storage and transport. Manufactured with stainless steel hinge, latch and hardware.

The unique clam shell design and gas cylinders allow for easy access for loading and unloading dry bags of fertilizer. The padlockable latch prevents unauthorized access to tools or chemicals.

Arrowhead says the Dri-box also provides a safe, convenient method of storing empty bags until they can be disposed of properly.



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New turfgrass varieties resist disease better

Crew-Cut dwarf-type tall fescue and Vantage perennial ryegrass are new turfgrass releases from Proprietary Seeds, Inc.

Vantage is described as an improved turf-type perennial ryegrass that demonstrates resistance to a broad spectrum of diseases, but is exceptionally resistant to stem rust.

Proprietary Seeds reports that seed yields are also improved, which means there will be a reliable supply, competitively priced.

Crew-Cut shows a dramatic reduction in vertical growth rate, along with narrower leaves, increased density and upright growth habit.

Crew-Cut will be an excellent option for Kentucky bluegrass and perennial ryegrass users that demand outstanding aesthetic qualities but want the reduced maintenance characteristics of turf-type tall fescue.

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