

GREEN INDUSTRY SHOWCASE

Fungicide label extended to ornamental disease control

Under an expanded label recently accepted by the U.S. EPA, the broad-spectrum, multi-site disease control of ISK Biotech's Daconil 2787 flowable fungicide now extends to 55 damaging diseases on 78 species of broadleaf shrubs and trees—including conifers—as well as foliage plants and flowering plants and bulbs.

For turf applications, Daconil 2787 fungicide is now labeled for control of algal scum, as well as a broader range of the fungal pathogens that cause dollar spot, brown patch, leaf spot, melting-out, brown blight and other diseases.

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New sweeper cleans up to 31,000 square feet per hour

Parker Sweeper is introducing the Parker 27 for quick and thorough clean-ups, indoors and outdoors.

Parker says the sweeper is ideal for



small yards, parks and parking lots.

The Parker 27 is portable, lightweight and, according to the company, sweeps five to seven times faster than manual sweeping and can clean up to 31,000 square feet per hour.

The Parker 27's broom pressure is infinitely variable, and the rotary side brush sweeps dust and dirt away from walls and corners.

The sweeper operates in forward and reverse directions, and picks up dust and small debris, such as cans, bottles, cigarettes and paper.

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Color guide a new way to diagnose plant health

ColorBank is a horticultural diagnostic guide that uses green color bars to help rate the health of all exterior landscape plants under company care.



The 50-page fan-shaped guide includes a list of more than 250 common landscape plants with their individual healthy color rating and the appropriate green color bars for quick comparison with your specific plants. According to Eubank Consulting, the guide lets the expert keep track of plant "greenness" from one rating period to the next.

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New tractor designed just for commercial service

Walker's new Model -T tractor is powered by a 20-hp Kohler Command V-Twin engine.

Designed especially for commercial ser-



vice, this model packs a powerful engine into a compact mid-size tractor to provide high productivity without sacrificing

maneuverability.

Walker says the Model-T has the same dimensions as other Walker riding mowers.

Walker is also introducing 48 - to 60-inch mowing decks for use with more powerful models, as well as an optional parking brake.

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Turf herbicide recently registered for use in Arizona

Monsanto Company recently announced the registration of Dimension turf herbicide by the Arizona department of Agriculture for use in the state of Arizona.

Dimension is designed for use by golf course superintendents, lawn care operators and landscapers to control crabgrass and other problem weeds.

The active ingredient, dithiopyr, is the result of new chemistry developed by Monsanto. Features include low use rates and low soil mobility.

According to the company, Dimension binds tightly to the soil and has low potential for groundwater contamination or surface run-off.

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New weapon in arborist arsenal against oak wilt

Alamo is a new systemic fungicide from Ciba-Geigy for control of oak wilt and Dutch elm disease.

Ciba-Geigy reports successful results after more than two years use in Texas against oak wilt, and the University of Minnesota has confirmed that Alamo is effective against both diseases in cooler climates.

The company also suggests::

- promptly remove infected trees;
- properly time tree pruning;
- dispose of firewood in affected areas.

If applied before symptoms appear, Alamo effectively prevents oak wilt and Dutch elm disease from damaging trees, and may also save some trees with as much as 30 percent crown loss.

Alamo must be injected into the tree's flare roots, just below the soil surface, with special equipment.

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