

Events

JUNE

18: Turfgrass/Landscape Workshops, SUNY

Cobleskill College of Agriculture and Technology, Cobleskill, N.Y. Contact: (800) 873-8873

18: UMass Turfgrass Research Field Day, South Deerfield, Mass.

Contact: Thom Griffin, (413) 545-3066.

JULY

9-12: AAN/TNA Convention and Trade Show

Opryland Hotel and Convention Center, Nashville, Tenn. Contact: AAN at (202) 789-2900.

17-19: Turfgrass Producers International, Summer Conv. & Field Days,

Hyatt Regency, Minneapolis, Minn. Contact: Tom Ford, (847) 705-9898; (847) 705-8347.

22-25: Soil & Water Conservation Society Annual Meeting, Toronto

Sherraton; Contact: Nancy Herselius, (515) 289-2331.

26-28: International Lawn, Garden & Power Equipment Expo,

Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center, Louisville, Ky.; Contact: Warren Sellers, (502) 562-1962. **LM**

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Maximizing Turfgrass Irrigation Efficiency

By William E. Smith, Edgar L. Green and Peter A. Gilman
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There were available for human consumption, agricultural production, and industrial uses. However, for only 1% of all water on the earth, the remaining 99% is salt water and unusable for humans. It is a particularly pressing problem in the arid Southwest where average annual rainfall is approximately 10 inches. This insufficient for plant growth and will cause them to die if not irrigated, which accounts for 80% of the cost of water in California. Salt water is also a major concern in other regions of the USA. In Broward, Fla., salt water requires an average of 40 inches of water each month, which is a typical water requirement for turfgrass. In the arid West, it may be the single largest expense when it comes to the cost of water.

Irrigation is a primary component of regional landscape maintenance in the Southwest, and is becoming increasingly so in landscape maintenance. The



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