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Graywater Seminars Planned

A pair of two-day seminars are scheduled for June that will detail a new niche market for landscapers — compliance with graywater legislation.

Graywater use in California became legal on November 9, 1994, with the addition of Appendix J to the California Uniform Plumbing Code. The workshops will cover topics such as how to plumb a new set of pipes beneath a house; how to determine the daily amount of graywater flow; methods for sizing the system's surge tank; how to pump the graywater to the landscape; and, ways to provide adequate filtration for a sub-surface drip-irrigation system.

The seminars are scheduled for June 10-11 at the Holiday Inn, Burbank, and June 16-17 at the Hyatt Regency in Irvine. For more information, call Gary Stewart at (818) 562-1449.

Turf Resource Guide in Development

The Turfgrass Science Division of the Crop Science Society of America is compiling information for a *Turfgrass Management Teaching Resource Guide*. The purpose of the guide is to provide information about available resources for individuals involved in turfgrass education and training. It will be designed to aid those involved in turfgrass education or training in high schools, community colleges, universities, extensions and private industry. Resources include videos, audiovisual presentations, computer software, books, periodicals, irrigation components, posters, etc.

The Crop Science Society continues solicit potential sources to be included in the book. For more information, contact Dr. Keith J. Karnock, (706) 542-0931. Fax: (706) 542-0914.

Name Change Announced

With the growth of factory-owned retail branch operations, Jacobsen Division of Textron has decided to standardize the name of all operations to Jacobsen/Textron of Southern California.

The name change affects Western Turf and Commercial in Corona, Desert Turf and Commercial in Palm Desert and Western Turf and Commercial in Escondido.

GIE '94 Called a Success

An influx of thousands of lawn and landscape professionals coursed through St. Louis, MO, November 14-17, 1994, for the fifth annual Green Industry Expo. Retail shops at a downtown mall sported signs, hotel employees wore ribbons and city streetlights were decorated with flags welcoming GIE participants.

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city," reports Eleanor Ellison, GIE trade show manager. "Last year's show was no exception. Approximately 2,500 people 'shopped' the expo hall where nearly 300 exhibiting companies displayed their goods and services. That translates not only into a lot of dollars for the industry, but also for the local economy. After the 1993 show in Baltimore, GIE was rated the 14th largest convention to visit the city. It generated about \$4 million in revenue."

GIE '95 is scheduled for Fort Worth, TX, November 13-16. For more information, call Ellison, (404) 973-2019.

Seminar and Playtime

"Innovations in Green," a daylong seminar with afternoon demonstrations, is scheduled for March 17 at the El Cajon Community Center in El Cajon, CA. The event is sponsored by the Cuyamaca College Botanical Society

and the University of California Cooperative Extension.

Topics to be discussed include: "Solutions for Turfgrass and Pesticide Use on Environmentally Sensitive Sites," "Green-Waste Management," and "Fate of Turfgrass Fertilizers and Pesticides." Cost is \$45 per person and includes course materials, refreshments and lunch.

For more information, contact: Dee Landis-Maranhao at (619) 670-1980, ext. 262 or Steve Wightman, (619) 525-8272.

First Aid for Turfgrass

A free first-aid kit for turfgrass is available from the Turfgrass Producers International to illustrate the environmental benefits of turfgrass sod.

"Turfgrass — First Aid for the Earth" contains brochures and information about caring for Earth. Some of the benefits provided by turfgrass which are discussed in the kit are erosion control,

dust and dirt trap, solar-heat dissipation, sports-injury reduction, carbon dioxide absorption and property-value increase.

The kit is free by calling (800) 405-TURF.

Study Indicates Serendipitous Benefits

All turf professionals know that the first few weeks of a seedling's life are the most critical to its growing future. Fungicides can be a key factor in getting turf off to a healthy start.

Besides the expected benefits of disease control, a recent study at Iowa State University indicates that fungicide has the ability to "jump start" a turf's root system during the first few weeks after planting.

The study was conducted by Professor Nick Christians and Research Associate Roger Roe using Kentucky bluegrass and a variety of fungicide products.

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