ROOKIES

Winterkill Blankets

Winterkill can spell disaster, but the expense involved in replacing dead turfgrass can sometimes be avoided by using turf blankets, such as the Typar®. One reason is that soil and air under turf blankets are three to 15 degrees F warmer than uncovered turf — which can mean the difference between turfgrass survival and winterkill.

Typar turf blankets are made of a strong, continuous filament spunbonded polypropylene that will not ravel or fray. Porous enough to let sunlight, air and water pass through to the soil, the blankets also act as a physical barrier to insects that lay their eggs in the soil. **REEMAY**

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NTEP Trials Champ

Among commercially available turfgrass varieties, Pennant II perennial ryegrass was rated number one in overall turf quality in the 1996 National Turfgrass Evaluation Program. A dark green turfgrass that has high endophyte levels, Pennant II has a fine leaf texture; improved resistance to dollar spot and red thread diseases; exhibits more tillering; and is shorter growing. The turfgrass also performs well by itself in sport turf and athletic fields, or in cool season mixes with dark green bluegrass and fine fescue varieties.

BURLINGHAM SEEDS

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One Piece Line Connection

Harco Fittings introduces its Lateral 90, a fitting which allows movement from mainline to lateral line with a onepiece connection. Designed to connect irrigation laterals to mainlines and to provide a change in elevation, the Lateral 90 is made of high strength ductile iron, which prevents breakage at this high stress area in golf and commercial irrigation systems. Available in diameters up to three inches, the Lateral 90 can be ordered with an optional side outlet tap for a swing joint to quick coupler connection.

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Aerate While Mowing

The Hooker[™] Pro Model 38 Aerator is designed to mount to the rear of large commercial walk behind mowers. Small, curved, hook-like tines pierce three inches deep into the soil and hook under the aerator to lift and loosen the soil from underneath. The aerator allows zero turning and/or reversing while aerating to provide complete maneuverability in and out of tight places on both flat and hilly sites. Aerating while mowing offers substantial labor savings for maintenance professionals.

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