

Blowers and vacuums

Autumn is almost here and that means you'll soon be responsible for keeping some areas leave- and debris-free. Here's a sampling of available products to make those tasks easier.



SHINDAIWA BACKPACK BLOWER

The EB630 is Shindaiwa's most powerful blower. Powered by a 3.9-hp engine, it produces 613-cfm air volume and 201-mph air velocity at tube tip. Ideal for blowing wet matted leaves, hedge trimmings, and large areas. The flexible, multi-position blower tube/hand control swivels up for convenient storage.

Shindaiwa Inc./800-521-7733
For information, circle 075 or
see <http://www.oners.ims.ca/2914-075>



STIHL BACKPACK BLOWER

The Stihl BR 420C Magnum backpack blower is the catalytic muffler version of Stihl's BR 420 unit. The fuel tank is isolated from the fan housing for low vibration and easy maintenance. For improved ventilation, a separate, external tank vent comes standard. This 19.6-pound blower is also fitted with a self-cleaning, vertical-pleated air filter.

Stihl Inc./800-467-8445
For information, circle 076 or
see <http://www.oners.ims.ca/2914-076>

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PRODUCT!**

REDMAX BACKPACK BLOWER

RedMax offers a blower for every job. The EBZ5000Q's noise level is just 65 dB(A). Yet, it moves up to 596 cfm of air at a speed of up to 142 mph. Units are powered by Komatsu Zenoah's Strato-Charged engines. Clean air standards are met by introducing fresh air into the engine between the exhaust gases and the fresh charge of air/fuel mix.

RedMax, Komatsu Zenoah American Inc./800-291-8251, x214
For information, circle 074 or
see <http://www.oners.ims.ca/2914-074>



BROYHILL'S VACMATE

Broyhill's VacMate has a spring arm mounted suction hose for cleanup of virtually any facility. It is a dedicated attachment for the TerraSport, Broyhill's automatic (CVT) transmission 16-hp utility vehicle. The cab-over design maximizes operator visibility. The vacuum is completely self-contained with a large rear access door and a tough reusable refuse bag.

Broyhill/800-228-1003, ext. 34
For information, circle 072 or
see <http://www.oners.ims.ca/2914-072>



KAWASAKI BACKPACK BLOWER

Kawasaki's KRB700B backpack blower features a convenient tube-mounted joystick with an easily controlled trigger throttle, a fully adjustable throttle lock control and an engine shutoff switch. A 2-liter fuel tank is translucent for easy reads. The high-density back padding and shoulder harness significantly reduce vibration.

Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A./877-608-6088, option 0
For information, circle 077 or
see <http://www.oners.ims.ca/2914-077>



WELCOME TO BEACON ATHLETICS

Beacon Ballfields has a new company name and logo. The 60-year-old company is now called Beacon Athletics. The change reflects the broad range of capabilities the company already offers and the addition of a new product line that enhances training and sports conditioning.

Beacon Athletics/800-747-5985
For information, circle 070 or
see <http://www.oners.ims.ca/2914-070>

LITTLE WONDER BLOWER LINE

Schiller-Pfeiffer's Little Wonder High-Output Blowers now feature 12-in. rear pneumatic tires and the gauge of steel used for the front cover and intake panel will be reduced to decrease unit weight and enhance maneuverability.

Little Wonder/877-596-6337
For information, circle 069 or
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TURF TIDY

For use with a tractor of 20 hp or more, the Redexim Charterhouse Turf Tidy is designed to follow the ground's contours, ensuring a clean, even pick-up. The turbo fan makes a clean sweep of leaves, pine needles, paper and grass clippings, and the large hopper means less time emptying. Redexim Charterhouse/800-597-5664. For information, circle 071 or see <http://www.oners.ims.ca/2914-071>



ECHO BLOWER

The PB-751 features a 63.3-cc commercial engine that delivers 620-cfm air volume and 205-mph air force at the pipe. Other features include a posi-loc pipe connection system, a 68-fluid-oz. fuel tank, an automotive-type commercial air filter, and comfortable operator ergonomics. Echo Inc/800-432-ECHO. For information, circle 078 or see <http://www.oners.ims.ca/2914-078>

MULTI-PURPOSE VACUUM

The Billy Goat SV50HR Quiet Vac with a 5.5-hp Honda OHV GXV engine combines power and quiet operation on both turf and hard surfaces. Features include a front-load filter bag that empties front or rear; exhaust air is directed down and away from the operator's face; and a spanner wrench is all it takes to customize the SV for turf or hard surface use. Billy Goat Industries/816-524-9666. For information, circle 073 or see <http://www.oners.ims.ca/2914-073>



SAFE Scholarships need applicants!

The Foundation for Safer Athletic Field Environments (SAFE) was created by the Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA) to provide scholarships, educational programs, and research geared to sports fields. Scholarships are a key part of this program.

Significant scholarship funding is available for 2004 thanks to the funds raised through the combination of the Jacobsen-sponsored SAFE Golf Tournament and the Raffle, Silent and Live Auctions that took place at last January's STMA Conference. The SAFE Board has authorized the allocation of up to \$18,000 in direct Scholarship dollars and funds toward travel and lodging expenses to allow the recipients to attend the STMA 2005 Conference in Phoenix January 19-23, 2005.

Scholarships are available for those in Community College or other 2-year programs, for those in undergraduate programs, and for graduate students. Along with the monetary award of the scholarship, each recipient is provided with registration to the 2005 STMA Conference, and up to \$500 to be applied toward travel and lodging expenses related to attending the Conference. The scholarships are presented at the Awards Banquet, which will be held on Friday evening, January 21, at the Hyatt Regency Phoenix hotel.

Scholarship application information and application forms are sent right after Labor Day each year directly to STMA Student and Educator members, as well as to two and four year Colleges and Universities offering turf programs. These materials also are posted in the SAFE section of the STMA website or may be

requested by phoning 800-323-3875.

The SAFE Foundation Board of Trustees recognizes the fact that SAFE has much work to complete before it can supply the sports turf industry with the desired level of programs and it continues to move forward on following the parameters set to help SAFE meet its goals.

Additional funding is needed to fulfill all three arms of our mission: the scholarship program, research, and education. SAFE's major thrust for 2004 is seeking greater funding for sports specific research, finalizing the research criteria, and beginning assessment of research projects for funding. The Board continues to make positive steps in all of these areas.

It is the intent of the SAFE Board and the SAFE Research Committee to identify key areas of research needs and then solicit these needs to the researchers. Thus it is important that this information on key areas of research needs come from STMA members, STMA Chapters, and other sports turf managers. SAFE will focus on research that is applicable and repeatable so it meets the needs of sports turf managers. Progress has already been made on the research criteria and development continues on the forms for research grant applications.

A safe, playable field is the strong foundation of any game. Working together, we can build the SAFE Foundation into a strong resource for sports turf managers around the world. Contact SAFE Headquarters (SAFE@st.omhcoxmail.com) with your ideas and for more information on making contributions to the SAFE Foundation. **ST**