



Short Cutts

Pest Management Recommends now available from your county extension offices. Watch for new Turfgrass Management Handbook, available next spring.

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Where are the Recommends?

Many people have called us and extension offices around the state asking about the Cornell Cultural Recommends. The reason you haven't seen the 1990 Cultural Recommends is because they are currently undergoing major revision and expansion. Cornell adopted a policy late last year to publish the pest control and cultural recommends separately in all commodities. The Pest Management Recommends have already been revised and are available from your county extension offices. They will be revised and printed annually. The Cultural Recommends will be replaced by a Turfgrass Management Handbook that will be a greatly expanded version of the Cultural Recommends of the past. The handbook will be revised every three to five years. The first edition is expected to be available by next spring. So for now, use the 1989 Recommends for your cultural information.

Help is Available

Did you ever wonder where to go to get help on turf and ornamentals? You need look no further than your county Cooperative Extension office. Several counties in New York have commercial horticulture programs with agents trained in the turf and ornamentals areas. Some counties are even equipped with diagnostic labs to provide you with quick answers and recommendations for your turf and ornamentals problems. Even if you're in a rural county, your local agent has ready access to the labs and specialists at Cornell.

Cornell University provides several services to you through your county extension offices. The Plant Diagnostic Labs offer laboratory diagnosis of turf or ornamental disease or insect problems. Nematode detection and counts are once again available through the lab. The Cornell Nutrient Analysis Lab is available for testing soils, with fertilizer recommendations based on the results. The Physical Analysis Lab offers testing of soil and physical properties important in modified soils. Finally, the tissue analysis laboratory is available for plant tissue testing - a useful tool for identifying nutritional problems that a soil test may not pick up.

Turfgrass Diagnostic Course Offered

A turfgrass pest diagnostic course will be offered at Cornell from July 31 - August 2. The purpose of this "hands-on" course is to teach participants the proper techniques for sampling and identifying turfgrass pests. Discussions will also include the biology of some of the pests, and control strategies. On August 1, the course will move to the field where participants will learn field diagnosis and procedures for taking samples for lab diagnosis. On the morning of August 2, samples collected in the field will be prepared and observed under microscopes or dissecting scopes in the lab.

This course is designed for people with experience and some form of formal training in the turfgrass area. Enrollment will be limited to 30 people. For more information call or write Joann Gruttadaurio, 20 Plant Science Building, Ithaca, NY 14853 (607-255-1792).

Errata

The chart "*Biological Suppression of Dollar Spot, Brown Patch and Red Thread with Compost-Amended Topdressings*" which appeared on p. 4 of *CUTT* Issue Number One contained an incorrect figure. The Control Untreated 1 figure of 9.8 Dollar Spots/plot should read **19.8** Dollar Spots/plot.

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