

February Newsletter from Plant Health Atlantic (Promoting Environmentally Safe Turf Management)

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### **Requests by Department of Environment**

Plant Health Atlantic Executive have been advised of requests by the NB Department of Environment to Lawn Care companies requesting records and paperwork relating to their Class D (Landscape) pesticide permits. While the purpose of this audit is to assess compliance with terms and conditions of pesticide permits (reference Permit Number: 5507) and does not fall under the requirements of Plant Health Atlantic; the PHA Executive in collaboration with representatives of Landscape New Brunswick are in consultation and are currently setting up a meeting with representatives from DOE to discuss this situation. Further details and updates will be provided as they become available.

Again, just a reminder about your 2017 Full Desk Audit submission and the change which now requires that facilities not submitting their annual Full Desk Audit and payment by May 31st annually will automatically be reverted to Baseline Status. If you have not received the email or it was deleted in error, please contact the Administrator via email (<mailto:dave@planthealthatlantic.ca>) to advise and it will be resent.

Invoices for Turf Practitioner Certification Fees have been sent out via email. Please remember that it is a requirement to attain a minimum of (8) CEC's per year and pay the annual Administration Fee in order to retain your Certification.

### **Upcoming CEC Opportunities**

\* **Atlantic Turfgrass Conference & Trade Show** presented by the Atlantic Golf Superintendent's Association will take place February 20th - 22nd at Casino New Brunswick in Moncton, NB. There is a total of (9) CEC's available to Turf Practitioners during the conference. For more information or to register, contact Jim Nix via email ([1967agsa@gmail.com](mailto:1967agsa@gmail.com)).

\* **Ontario Turfgrass Symposium** takes place at the University of Guelph on February 21st - 22nd, 2018. There is up to 21 PHA CEC's available during the conference with concurrent sessions for golf, lawn care, sport fields and sod. For more information or to register, click here ([http://opened.uoguelph.ca/student-resources/Ontario-Turfgrass-Symposium---Program-Schedule](http://http://opened.uoguelph.ca/student-resources/Ontario-Turfgrass-Symposium---Program-Schedule)).

\* **Canadian Golf Course Management Conference** takes place from February 26th - March 1st, 2018 in Quebec City. There are (18) PHA CEC's available during the Conference with some excellent sessions scheduled. Information on this event is available by clicking here (<http://www.golfsupers.com/quebec2018>).

\* **IPM Symposium** hosted by Landscape New Brunswick will take place once again this year in Moncton at the Four Points Sheraton on March 21st. As always, this is the ideal opportunity for Turf Practitioners to acquire their necessary (8) CEC's.

\* Details of the **French IPM Session** presented by Plant Health Atlantic have not been finalized as yet but it is expected to take place in early April.

\* The "**CGSA Online "Live Learning Centre"** is still available to all Turf Practitioners 24/7 and are online sessions taken from the 2015 & 2016 CGSA Conferences. For more information on accessing the Live Learning Centre, contact David McCafferty via email ([dave@planthealthatlantic.ca](mailto:dave@planthealthatlantic.ca)). You can also click here (<http://cgsa.sclivelearningcenter.com/>) for more information. .

Remember that the changes effective April 1st, 2016 will now allow for a carryover of a maximum of (4) CEC's to the next year after you have attained your annual requirement. If you have any questions in regards to the current status of your CEC's, contact the Administrator via email ([dave@planthealthatlantic.ca](mailto:dave@planthealthatlantic.ca)) Should a Turf Practitioner take in a session at any time which they feel would qualify for CEC's, please contact the office at (506) 440-9656 or by email ([dave@planthealthatlantic.ca](mailto:dave@planthealthatlantic.ca)) with the details.

Do you have a member of your staff who would like to become an IPM Certified Turf Practitioner? Contact the office to schedule writing of the IPM Examination.

**Classifieds** - This is a new section of our newsletter and will also become part of our website. If you have equipment for sale, looking to purchase equipment, looking to hire staff or anything other similar message you would like to have extended out to the Industry, please forward the information via email ([dave@planthealthatlantic.ca](mailto:dave@planthealthatlantic.ca)) to the Administrator. We also look forward to working with other Industry groups to extend their classified information out to our database of members,

Current Posting: A member is currently looking to hire a maintenance person with class D-1 landscape (pesticide applicator) and a minimum of 3 years' experience. Salary to be negotiated depending on experience. Contact Michel via email ([lawncare@rogers.com](mailto:lawncare@rogers.com))

Finally, please note that I now have a new email address - [dave@planthealthatlantic.ca](mailto:dave@planthealthatlantic.ca). Please update your records accordingly.

In addition, over the next few weeks the PHA Website ([www.planthealthatlantic.ca](http://www.planthealthatlantic.ca)) will be going through an update process and members are encouraged to visit the site for all of the latest news.

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