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Landscapes & Lawns – A Timely Update for Landscape Management Professionals

Date: **Monday MAY 7th, 2012**

Time: 5:15 PM – 7:45 PM

Location: [Your Local Cornell Cooperative Extension Office](#)

Registration: Pre-Registration Required. Check with your local CCE office
DEC has awarded 2 credits for 3a, 10 & 25 and 1 credit for 3b.

Program: A program designed to update turf & ornamentals managers about the timely pests and environmental pressures present in the 2012 growing season.

Turfgrass ShortCUTT's: What's Up?

Cornell University Associate Professor & NYS Turfgrass Extension Specialist [Frank Rossi](#), Ph.D., will update professionals about timely seasonal pest and environmental stress factors that managers are contending with thus far in the 2012 growing season. Particular emphasis will be placed on using an integrated, environmentally-responsible pest management approach.

Diseases of Landscape Woody Ornamentals

[Brian Eshenaur](#), Extension Specialist with the NYS IPM Program at Cornell University will discuss the diagnosis and management of the latest diseases of landscape trees and shrubs.

Recording of other programs sponsored by the Cornell Cooperative Extension Sustainable Landscapes-Horticulture Program Work Team are available at: <http://vimeo.com/gbl/videos>

18th Annual Ponics Short Course: Engineering Design of Recirculating Aquaculture, Hydroponic, and Aquaponic Systems

When: July 16th through 20th

Where: Mount Saint Mary College, Newburgh New York

Registration: [Required](#)

Program: Professor Timmons and colleagues are offering a 1-week short course on the principles of aquaculture, hydroponics, and aquaponics. The ponics components are new for this year and should attract considerable attention. The course will provide the student with a fundamental understanding of how these systems function both independently and synergistically. At the conclusion of the course, a student should be able to design their own systems. No previous background is assumed.

The course will be conducted at Mount Saint Mary College, 330 Powell Ave., Newburgh, NY 12550 and is being co-hosted by Continental Organics, which is a 2 acre greenhouse and 100,000 lb/year tilapia operation. The cost is \$1000.00; lodging has been arranged at the College at very affordable rates. The course textbook is Recirculating Aquaculture by Timmons and Ebeling (2nd edition 948 pages, English or Spanish). The book comprehensively covers the basics of the design and engineering of intensive recirculating aquaculture systems, including basic overall systems engineering, tank culture design, solids removal and waste management, biofiltration, aeration/oxygenation, and disinfection using UV or ozone.

For program flier and registration info see: www.bee.cornell.edu/aqua

NYS IPM In-Depth

When: July 23rd 2012

Where: Ithaca NY

Registration: <http://www.greenhouse.cornell.edu/>

Program: NYS IPM will hold its 5th annual hands-on workshop – IPM In-depth – on Monday, July 23, 2012 at the Plant Science Building on the Cornell campus from 11-4:30. New topics for this year are:

Root rots, using compost and other bio-active amendments, and basic biocontrol. There will be a diagnostic session for growers to get answers on their pest issues as well as the hands-on sessions.

For more information, check the website at <http://www.greenhouse.cornell.edu/> or contact Betsy Lamb at 607 254-8800 or eml38@cornell.edu.

And Don't Forget . . .

Floriculture Field Day

July 24th 2012

For more information, contact Neil Mattson at neil.mattson@cornell.edu

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Articles:

Urban Forestry Grants Available

At least \$750,000 in Urban Forestry Grants is now available for urban communities to apply for, New York State Department of Environment Conservation Commissioner Joe Martens announced today at the New York State Arbor Day Celebration.

Applications are now being accepted by DEC to support urban forestry projects across the state. These grants, funded by the Environmental Protection Fund, will be of particular interest to those communities faced with the infestation and eradication of the Emerald Ash Borer. Proposals for tree inventories, tree planting, maintenance, management plans and invasive pest detection studies will be accepted. The grants will be awarded to large cities and small communities across the state. Applications must be postmarked by June 21.

The State Arbor Day Committee, made up of several state agencies and industry associations, joined state and local officials to celebrate Arbor Day in Albany's West Capitol Park. This annual celebration encourages New Yorkers of all ages to recognize the importance of trees and the impact they make in our everyday lives.

"Arbor Day is a national observance that celebrates the essential role trees play in our environment," said Commissioner Martens. "Trees help improve air quality, reduce energy consumption and beautify the landscape in New York's urban centers. The urban forestry grants will play an important role in helping protect trees in cities across the state."

Urban Forestry Grants

Grants will be available to municipalities, public benefit corporations, public authorities, school districts and not-for-profit organizations that have a public ownership interest in the property or are acting on behalf of a public property owner. Grants will range from \$2,500 to \$50,000, depending on municipal population, with a 50/50 match requirement.

Eligible projects include tree inventories and management plans, tree and shrub planting and maintenance, and invasive pest detection studies. Additionally, \$1,000 Quick Start Arbor Day grants - with no match requirement - will be available to help communities generate support for a new municipal tree program with an Arbor Day celebration. Funds are made available from the state's EPF and will be managed and allocated by DEC. Proposals will be evaluated on their cost effectiveness, projected benefits, use of recommended standards in implementation, community outreach, education and support, and regional economic impact.

Applications will be accepted at the DEC Central Office by hand delivery at the address below until 4:00 p.m. on June 21 or mailed and postmarked by June 21 to: NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Lands and Forests, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-4253.

Information on the Urban Forestry grants can be found at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5285.html> or by calling DEC at 518-402-9425.

Submitted by Rose Baglia, [Cornell Cooperative Extension, Orange County](#)

Emerald Ash Borer Confirmed in Dutchess County

The discovery of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has been confirmed by the USDA Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) in Dutchess County directly across the Hudson River from the large infestation found two years ago in the City of Kingston and its vicinity. This marks the first discovery of EAB east of the Hudson River.

DEC Commissioner Martens stated “Because of the threat Emerald Ash Borer poses to New York’s ash trees, DEC is committed to our Slow Ash Mortality initiative designed to monitor and decelerate the spread of this damaging pest. This new discovery confirms that DEC’s early detection tactics for the insect are working and enables us to respond quickly before EAB is firmly established in Dutchess County.”

For more information on the Emerald Ash Borer find in Dutchess County go to:

http://www.nyis.info/?action=news_detail&event_id=199.

For more specific information on EAB go to the NYSDEC web page:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7253.html>.

Adapted from NYSDEC Press Release dated April 18, 2012.

Written by Stephanie D. Radin, [Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County](#)

Cornell Insect Diagnostic Lab

Would you like to know more about an insect, or how to deal with an insect problem? If so, the Insect Diagnostic Lab, a program of Cornell Cooperative Extension in the Department of Entomology, can help. For a \$25 fee, an insect or related arthropod can be shipped to the lab, or a detailed photo can be emailed, for expert determination.

Newly hired diagnostician, Jason Dombroskie, Ph.D., has a broad entomological knowledge, and many years of experience identifying insects and other arthropods.

More information about this service, including a collection of factsheets covering commonly encountered outdoor and indoor insects, and CCE sample submission forms, can be found at <http://entomology.cornell.edu/IDL>

2012 Cornell Pest Management Guide for Commercial Turfgrass Now Available

The 2012 edition of the *Cornell Pest Management Guide for Commercial Turfgrass* is now available. This annual publication provides up-to-date pest management information for those producing sod or maintaining turfgrass in New York State. It has been designed as a practical guide for sod producers, landscapers, turfgrass managers, pesticide dealers, and others who advise those producing sod or maintaining turfgrass.

In addition to the annually updated pesticide and pest management information, highlighted changes in the 2012 *Turfgrass Guidelines* include:

- Revised pesticide regulatory information.
- New weed management chapter sections on integrated weed management, alternative weed management, and weed control options under New York State’s “Child Safe Playing Fields Act.”
- The addition of new discussions on fungicide synergism and reduced-risk fungicide combinations.

The 2012 *Cornell Pest Management Guide for Commercial Turfgrass* can be obtained through your local Cornell Cooperative Extension office or directly from the Pesticide Management Education Program (PMEP) Educational Resources Distribution Center at Cornell University. To order from PMEP, call (607) 255-7282, send an email to patorder@cornell.edu, or order online at <https://psep.cce.cornell.edu/store/guidelines>. Cost for the *Guide* is \$25, shipping included.

New Cherry Tree Highlights 100th Anniversary of Japanese Gift

By [Kim Kaplan](#) WASHINGTON, March 22, 2012

The [U.S. Department of Agriculture](#) (USDA) has released a new cherry tree variety named for former First Lady Helen Taft to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Japanese gift of cherry trees that now are a celebrated landmark of the nation's capital. Helen Herron Taft and Viscountess Iwa Chinda, wife of the Japanese ambassador, planted the first two of the cherry trees at the Tidal Basin in a ceremony on March 27, 1912.

The "Helen Taft" variety is part of a series of flowering cherry tree varieties being developed by the [U.S. National Arboretum](#) in Washington and named in honor of first ladies. The new variety was created by crossing a Yoshino cherry (*Prunus x yedoensis*) with a Taiwan cherry tree (*Prunus campanulata*). The Yoshino parent, currently growing at the arboretum, is a clone of a tree originally planted by Chinda.

The arboretum is part of the [Agricultural Research Service](#) (ARS), USDA's principal intramural scientific research agency. Growing to as much as 35 feet tall and 35 feet wide over 30 years, "Helen Taft" has large, pale pink single flowers that turn darker in the center as the flowers mature. While most Yoshino flowering trees' blossoms are white or fade to white, the "Helen Taft" flowers retain their pink color.

"Helen Taft is an invaluable addition to the cadre of ornamental cherry trees," said U.S. National Arboretum Director [Colien Hefferan](#). "Unfortunately, cherry trees have a narrow genetic base, especially in this country. That can make them vulnerable to attack by a single insect, disease or environmental stress."

Ornamental cherry trees have a beauty and range of sizes and habits that serve urban gardeners well. Superior urban trees help provide energy savings, cleaner air, better storm water management, and higher property values for home owners. Landscape plants, including ornamental trees, are a \$14.3 billion-a-year industry in the United States.

To read the complete article, visit: <http://www.ars.usda.gov/is/pr/2012/120322.htm>

Submitted by Rick Harper, [Cornell Cooperative Extension of Westchester County](#)

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Recent FIFRA 2(ee) Recommendations:

The NYSDEC has recently approved the following 2(ee) recommendations:

- Assail 30SG Insecticide (EPA Reg. No. 8033-36-70506) and Assail 70WP (EPA Reg. No. 8033-23-70506) – both products approved for the unlabeled pest Colorado potato beetle in edible podded legumes and succulent shelled peas and beans.

- Entrust (EPA Reg. No. 62719-282) – approved for the unlabeled pest blueberry maggot in bushberries.
- Stinger (EPA Reg. No. 62719-73) – approved for the unlabeled pest mugwort in noncrop areas, pastures, rangeland and CRP.

Users must have a copy of the appropriate recommendation in their possession at the time of use. Copies of the complete 2(ee) recommendations have been posted to the “NYS 2(ee) Recommendations and Categories” section of our web site (<http://pmep.cce.cornell.edu/regulation/2ee/index.html>). These recommendations will also be posted to PIMS (<http://pims.psur.cornell.edu>) shortly.

Mike Helms, Extension Support Specialist/Managing Editor - Cornell Guidelines
Pesticide Management Education Program (PMEP)
Cornell Guidelines Website: <http://ipmguidelines.org>
PMEP Website: <http://pmep.cce.cornell.edu>

NYSDEC Special Local Needs Registration

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has recently approved Special Local Need registrations for Nortron SC Herbicide (EPA Reg. No. 264-613, SLN NY-120014) and DuPont UpBeet Herbicide (EPA Reg. No. 352-569, SNL NY-120015). Both of these SLN registrations allow use on garden beets in New York State.

Note that both Nortron and UpBeet are restricted-use pesticides in New York State. Both also are not for sale or use in Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

Users must have a copy of the appropriate SLN and primary product labels in their possession at the time of use. Copies of the SLN and primary labels for Nortron SC Herbicide are currently available under the Special Registrations Section of the PIMS web site (<http://pims.psur.cornell.edu>). Copies of the SLN and primary labels for UpBeet Herbicide will be available on PIMS shortly.

Excerpted from:

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Pesticide Management Education Program (PMEP)
Cornell Guidelines Website: <http://ipmguidelines.org>
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Submitted by Jen Stengle, [Cornell Cooperative Extension Putnam County](#)

Regional Updates – May 2012

Westchester County

With a few days of significant rainfall over the last couple of weeks, we see our precipitation totals starting to slowly accumulate to the point where we now have significant, measureable **rainfall (3.71”** as of May 01). Although this provides some much-needed relief for our water-deprived landscapes, we remain 3.60” below normal rainfall levels for this time of the year. Also as of the beginning of the month, we have accumulated **176 Growing Degree Day (GDD) Units** – still significantly ahead (at least 2 weeks) of the 128 that we had accumulated this time last year. We continue forward into May with our dry, early spring at hand.

With pest emergence well ahead of schedule this year (i.e. we noted hemlock woolly adelgid crawlers hatching about 3 weeks ahead of time, with active crawlers of elongate hemlock scale and nymphs of lacebugs (*Stephanitis* spp.) and later-stage larvae of eastern tent caterpillar on a recent scouting trip) monitoring those problematic plants becomes more important than ever.

We received our first reports of the orange-colored fruiting bodies of cedar-apple rust that are typically noted on junipers about 10 days ago so strategies for protecting crabapples from infection should be well underway.

Every year at this time, we continue to get questions about crabgrass prevention, management of common winter annuals weeds, and broadleaf weeds in lawns. Read more about these and other common turfgrass pest-related questions in the newly-released 2012 Pest Management Guidelines for Commercial Turfgrass. This manual been expanded to include the latest products available and may be obtained by stopping in at your local Cooperative Extension office or by accessing it online at: <http://ipmguidelines.org/turfgrass>

Written by Rick Harper, [Cornell Cooperative Extension Westchester County](#)

Putnam County

It's been a wacky growing season so far (that's the scientific term for it) with temperature reversals that have kept us watching the thermometer. Recent freezes in Putnam have left their mark. Sure, we are all pretty accustomed to magnolias getting hit by spring frosts. But often, as landscape professionals make their weekly rounds, they may have missed the immediate frost or freeze that caused the damage, and only see the puzzling symptoms days after the event.

Every year, professionals and homeowners alike bring us Japanese maple samples with unusual [foliage symptoms](#). No insects are present and no disease fruiting bodies can be found. Even light frosts leave their mark on these tender trees. This year, we are seeing freeze damage to tender emerging foliage of many landscape trees and shrubs. Damaged shoots such as in [this photo](#), may appear soft and wilted the day after the freeze, but soon dry, turn grey-green, or crumble away. This can be alarming to homeowners and perhaps puzzling to you on your scheduled property visit.

We often scan the landscape at this time of year for signs of herbicide drift or volatilization. Frost or freeze damage can also masquerade as one of these symptoms. Freeze-damage on emerging conifer needles for example, may be confused with herbicide injury. And, like herbicide injury, frost damage may be worse on one side of a tree or another, depending on exposure.

<http://www.ipm.iastate.edu/ipm/icm/2005/5-9-2005/driftorcold.html>

So if you arrive on site, and discover puzzling symptoms on tender emerging foliage, ask yourself: what have temperatures been like over the last week? Consider frost or freeze damage as a possible culprit. For a good article and some great photos, see: <http://www.ppd.purdue.edu/ppdl/hot10/5-14.html>

Got questions? In Putnam County, green industry professionals may call us at (845) 278-6738 for more information or stop by the office at 1 Geneva Rd, Brewster (Just above DMV).

Written by Jen Stengle, [Cornell Cooperative Extension Putnam County](#)

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Monthly Features

Regional Commercial Horticulture Calendar 2012

Cornell Cooperative Extension Hudson Valley provides educational programs that can help you improve your skills in horticulture, pest management, natural resources, and business management. Updated brochures with specific information about each program will be mailed to you beforehand only if you are on your county's Cooperative Extension mailing list. If you wish to get on your county mailing list, have questions, or need further information about these programs, contact your local Cooperative Extension office listed on the back. Note that all programs offer continuing education credits for applicable certifications. Contact educators listed on specific programs you are interested in for details. Program flyers will be available with details on each program within the month prior to the event.

Christmas Tree Twilight Meeting

July 2012,

Date and Location TBA

Contact: Stephanie D. Radin 845-677-8223 X104,

Teresa Rusinek 845-340-3990, or Rosemarie Baglia 845-344-1234

This is a hands-on, in the field program focusing on professional Christmas tree production issues.

Other Professional Horticulture Programs of Interest

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20th Annual NYS Releaf Conference

When: July 19-20th 2012

Where: Canisius College, Buffalo NY

Registration: See the [NYS Urban and Community Forestry Council](#) Website.

Mary Kramarchyk at 518-402-9412

[NYS Urban and Community Forest Council](#)

Certified Landscape Technician Training

Contact: NYSTLA at 914-993-9455 or visit www.nystla.com

An optional national testing program to recognize proficiency of qualified landscape professionals.

Certified Nursery Professional Training

Contact: In Dutchess, Putnam & Westchester: Scott Olivieri 914-682-4224;

In Orange, Rockland & Ulster: Contact: Mark Masseo 845-658-9148

By passing this exam you can earn the title Certified Nursery Professional (CNP). Contact your [New York State Nursery and Landscape Association](#), listed above, for more details.

This program will offer continuing education credits for applicable certifications. Contact educators listed on specific programs you are interested in for details. Program flyers will be available with details on each program within the month prior to the event.

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Pre-Exam Prep Class Schedule

WINTER/SPRING 2012- REGION 3

SEATING FOR THE CLASS MAY BE LIMITED. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED BY ALL COUNTIES. CONTACT THE CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OFFICE WHERE YOU WISH TO ATTEND TO SIGN UP.

COUNTY	Pre Exam PREP CLASS 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	EXAMS Generally given the first Wednesday of each month
ULSTER (845) 340-3990	Completed	Reservation form for NYS Pesticide Exam given out at prep class
WESTCHESTER PUTNAM (845) 278-6738	Completed	”
ROCKLAND (845) 429-7085	Completed	”
ORANGE (845) 344-1234	May 8, 2012	”
SULLIVAN (845) 292-6180		”
DUTCHESS (845) 677-8223		”

The DEC charges \$100 for the exam fee. Everyone will be required to pre-register for an exam session whether taking an initial core and category exam, a retest or adding a category. A registration packet will be given to all attending a pre exam prep class. If adding a category or retesting, contact the New Paltz DEC office for a reservation form.

About Pesticide Certification

If you apply pesticides, including weed-killers, weed and feed products, insecticides, fungicides, or tick control products to customer's properties for hire, you or someone in your company must be a New York State Certified Pesticide Applicator through the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and have your business registered. There are now three levels of commercial certification: applicator, technician, and apprentice.

For Commercial Applicators

To be eligible to take the exams to become certified, you must meet one of the following requirements:

-3 out of the past 5 years of verifiable experience as an apprentice working in the category applicant is seeking certification in; or 3 out of the past 5 years as a certified private applicator in a corresponding private category; or Certification in another State with which New York has reciprocity; or if seeking certification in the Sales Category, at least 3 years experience in the sale of pesticides,

or can demonstrate, through applicable training certifications or education degrees, that one possesses appropriate technical background.

Certified Pesticide Technician

- be at least 17 years of age; 2 years of verifiable experience as an apprentice; or completion of a **30-hr. training course**, approved by the Department or a baccalaureate or associate degree from an accredited college or university in the area seeking certification. These are offered at the following:

- Pest Management Training Center (B. H. Stangel, Inc.): (845) 357-7734, barrypmtc@optonline.net, or visit www.pestmanagementtraining.com/s/.
- Paul Roland, Ph.D., 914-907-1797, professor@pesticideteaching.ws
- Advanced Technical Consultants (ATC): (845) 657-4271 or www.pested.com
- For a more detailed list of current 30 hour certification courses, search the calendar database at Cornell University's Pesticide Management and Education program: <http://coursecalendar.psur.cornell.edu/>

Pesticide Apprentice

- Must be at least 16 years of age. Must receive 40 hours of pesticide use experience under supervision of a certified applicator and a minimum of 8 hours of instruction on topics outlined in Section 325.18 of Part 325 Rules & Regulations relating to the application of pesticides, before being able to apply general use pesticides under the off-site direct supervision of a certified applicator. Documentation of the above must be maintained by the certified applicator, and include: name & address of apprentice; date(s) of instruction or observation; content of training and certification category; instructor's name and certification identification number; and an evaluation of the competency of the apprentice.

For Private Applicators:

- Must be at least 17 years old, have at least one year of full-time experience within the last five years in the use of pesticides in the category in which certification is requested -OR- have completed a 30-hr. training course, or have received an associate's or higher level college degree in the area of which certification is requested.

- For further information on eligibility rules and regulations, and fees, contact the NYSDEC Region 3 Pesticide Staff at (845) 256-3097. Eligible candidates for certification must attend a training session, and pass two examinations, administered by the NYSDEC and held in conjunction with Cornell University Cooperative Extension. Once you determine you are eligible for certification, contact your county's Cornell University Cooperative Extension office for information on registering for the training class and exams. Contact your local CCE educator to find out training and exam dates for your county in the Hudson Valley.

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Rockland: Donna Cooke, dmc72@cornell.edu, or Paul Trader, pwt2@cornell.edu, 845-429-7085

Ulster: Teresa Rusinek, tr28@cornell.edu, 845-340-3990

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