

June events to help with your lawn and landscape

Country Store

On June 14, a Plant Clinic will be held in conjunction with Country Store. Country Store is a giant yard sale sponsored by Okaloosa County Extension Home and Community Educators. In addition to Country Store, Okaloosa County Master Gardeners will provide a Plant Clinic to help the public diagnose lawn, landscape and garden problems. The hours are 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Okaloosa County Extension Office, 5479 Old Bethel Road in Crestview. To participate in the Plant Clinic, bring a sample of the plant, weed, insect, etc. that's in question. To participate in Country Store, bring your money.

Gulf Coast Turfgrass Expo & Field Day (for professionals)

Scheduled for June 18, this is a must attend event for those in the turf industry. Pre-registration by June 18 is \$35 or \$45 onsite.

Florida Lawn Field Day (for homeowners)

Scheduled for June 19, this is a must attend event for homeowners serious and/or frustrated about their lawns. Pre-registration is \$20 or \$25 onsite. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and the Field Day event starts at 8:45 a.m. and concludes around 3:30 p.m. Lunch is included with registration.

Leading University of Florida Turfgrass Researches and Extension Agents will present topics on lawn pests, weed control, lawn irrigation and lawn fertilization.

Both the Gulf Coast Turfgrass Expo & Field Day (June 18) and the Florida Lawn Field Day (June 19) will take place at the University of Florida West Florida Research and Education Center (WFREC) in Allen Town, which is north of Milton and south of Jay in Santa Rosa County

The WFREC includes the largest turfgrass research facility in the Southeast with over 2000 types of turfgrasses onsite. Research is conducted in all facets of turfgrass management. You'll see new types of St. Augustine, zoysia, seashore paspalum and even some named varieties of centipede.

You can register online for either Field Day at <http://miltongators.com>. The site includes educational seminar topics, registration and directions. For additional information on either Field Day, contact the WFREC at 850-983-5216 ext. 113 or 850-393-7334.

Plant Clinic

A Plant Clinic to diagnose lawn, landscape and garden problems will be held June 25 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Fort Walton Beach at the Okaloosa County Extension building, 127 W. Hollywood Blvd.

To participate, bring a fresh sample of the weed, plant, insect, etc., that you'd like diagnosed. This may include a plant stem with several leaves, a 4-inch square of grass with roots attached, etc. You also may bring a sample of your soil for pH testing.

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