Turfgrass Expo & Field Day

The 12th Annual Turfgrass Expo & Field Day is a must attend event for those wanting to see and learn the newest in the area of lawngrass varieties, weed control and many other topics related to selecting, establishing and maintaining a Florida lawn. In addition, some landscape topics will be covered.

This University of Florida/Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) event will take place on June 21 at the West Florida Research and Education Center (WFREC) in the north part of Santa Rosa County.

The turfgrass research facility is one of the largest in the Southeast and is part of a larger research center. The turfgrass research part of the center contains hundreds of turfgrass varieties, which are intentionally planted in blocks for research purposes. You’ll see the newest centipede, St. Augustine, zoysia, Bermuda, bahia, seashore paspalum and other grass varieties. UF/IFAS Researchers such as Drs. Bryan Unruh and Berry Brecke will be onsite during the field day to share their research on weed control and new lawngrasses.

In addition to topics such as Alternative Grasses for Landscape Areas, you’ll enjoy landscape presentations such as Critter Control – Getting a Handle on Nuisance Wildlife, Low Maintenance Color and Texture for Summer Landscapes and Invasive Species in the Park and Landscape. Lawn and landscape equipment demonstrations and vendors will be onsite as well.

The Turfgrass Expo & Field Day begins with registration from 7:45am to 8:30am followed by welcome and introductions with research tours beginning at 8:45am. Lunch will be provided at 11:30am. After lunch, beginning at 2:pm, educational workshops will be held, which are mainly for commercial pesticide applicators needing continuing education units to maintain their pesticide licenses. For the general public, the day’s events conclude with lunch.

This popular expo and field day attracts hundreds of attendees. So you need to pre-register as soon as possible. If you pre-register by June 16, the cost is $30. After this date or onsite registration is $40. This cost includes your handouts, refreshments and a memorable rib lunch with all the trimmings.

Register online at [http://miltongators.com](http://miltongators.com), click on “On-line Registration for Turfgrass Expo,” fill out registration and click on “Submit Form.” You then pay with check or cash at the event. Or register by calling (850) 983-5216 ext. 113.

The WFREC is located in the beautiful farming area of Northern Santa Rosa County on Highway 182 between Allen Town and Jay. This event is outdoors. So bring your sunscreen and insect repellent.
Our next Plant Clinic will be held at the Extension Building, 127 West Hollywood Blvd. in Fort Walton Beach on June 20, 9:am to 12:00 noon.

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