

NTGCSA North Texas Golf Course Superintendent's Association Recertification

Scottish Rite
Meeting Room
2222 Welborn Street Dallas, TX 75219

Agenda September 24, 2025

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| 9:30am to 10:20am | A Review of TDA Pesticide Laws and Regulations – Henry Krusekopf, Texas Department of Agriculture |
| 10:30am to 11:20am | Endangered Species Act, Pesticide Label Changes, and Integrated Pest Management - Janet A. Hurley, ACE, MPA, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service |
| 11:30am to 12:20pm | The ABC's of Turf Management – From GDD to PGR to IPM – Dr. Charles Fontanier, PhD, Oklahoma State University |
| 12:30pm to 1:30pm | Lunch |
| 1:30pm to 2:20pm | Chemical Applications for Weeds & Pests Coming in and Out of Dormancy – Wes Eppel, BASF |
| 2:30pm to 3:20pm | Unique Needs of Superintendents and Common Tree Challenges – David Brantly, ISA certified Arborist (TX-4137A) |

Expanded Course Descriptions

A Review of TDA Pesticide Laws and Regulations

Henry Krusekopf

The presentation will give an overview of state and federal pesticide regulations, including the role of the Texas Department of Agriculture in monitoring compliance of Ag and Structural pesticide applicators. The pesticide label, PPE, and the complaint investigation process will be reviewed. Updates to state and federal pesticide regulations will also be discussed.

Endangered Species Act, Pesticide Label Changes, and Integrated Pest Management

Janet A. Hurley, ACE, MPA

Pesticide labels are changing, and everyone will need to know what they can use, when they can use them and how to protect the environment. This session will cover the new rules and why integrated pest management practices is more important now as these tactics can keep the environment safe but also keep you in compliance with the new label changes.

The ABC's of Turf Management – From GDD to PGR to IPM

Dr. Charles Fontanier, PhD

This seminar will cover plant growth regulators (PGRs). PGRs are a group of chemicals used to affect plant growth rates and can be beneficial for enhancing playing surfaces, managing abiotic stress, and reducing disease pressure. This talk will provide an overview of PGR basics as well as an update on relevant research for warm- and cool-season turfgrass management programs.

Chemical Applications for Weeds & Pests Coming in and Out of Dormancy

Wes Epele, BASF

This course will cover an IPM approach to weed and disease management for turfgrasses in north Texas. This course will focus on pest control strategies in the Spring and Fall of the year. A considerable amount of time will be spent on herbicide strategies for the Fall, including use of herbicides to limit Poa Annua on the course. The goal of this presentation is to educate attendees on a holistic approach to weed and disease prevention and control in turfgrass and ornamental landscapes.

Unique Needs of Superintendents and Common Tree Challenges

David Brantly, ISA certified Arborist (TX-4137A)

Join us for this insightful seminar that will cover proper tree installs on courses and club houses, the relationship between trees and grass, common diseases/pests/tree failure in the DFW Metroplex, why/how we prune trees and soil and root zone management.

Speaker Bios

Henry Krusekopf

Texas Department of Agriculture

Henry Krusekopf has been employed by the Texas Department of Agriculture since 2006. He served as a Pesticide Inspector for a 17-county area in North Texas for 11 years and is now the Assistant Regional Director supervising both Ag and Structural pesticide inspectors in the Dallas Region. Henry grew up in Midland, Texas and earned a master's degree in Horticulture from the University of California at Davis.

Janet A. Hurley, ACE, MPA

Senior Extension Program Specialist - IPM

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

Janet Hurley coordinates school IPM coordinator training for public schools in TX and oversees the statewide effort to educate schools about their Integrated Pest Management programs. Hurley is also known for her work on the National School IPM Workgroup, which helps coordinate efforts amongst states to offer quality training and education to those interested in IPM. Hurley has also been a long-standing committee member of the International IPM Symposium and has been cochairman of the Awards Committee for the IPM Symposium.

Dr. Charles Fontanier, PhD

Associate Professor, Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture

Oklahoma State University

Dr. Charles Fontanier is an associate professor of turfgrass management in the Dept of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture at Oklahoma State University (OSU). He received his PhD from Texas A&M University, where he served as research associate prior to joining OSU in January 2016. He serves as the primary teaching faculty for the OSU turfgrass program and advises the undergraduate Turf Club. His research program focuses on bermudagrass cultivar development, turfgrass light response, irrigation management, and putting green BMPs.

Wes Eppeler

Sr. Sales Specialist - Turf & Ornamentals

BASF

Wes Eppeler is a Sr. Sales Specialist for BASF Corporation. He joined BASF in 2012. In this role, Wes represents the BASF Turf & Ornamentals portfolio in the states of Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, and Arkansas. Wes graduated from NC State University in 2011 with a BS in Turfgrass Science, Purdue University in 2018 with a MS in Agricultural Economics, and Indiana University in 2018 with an MBA. He resides in McKinney, TX with his wife and family.

David Brantly

ISA certified Arborist (TX-4137A)

David Brantly is an ISA certified Arborist (TX-4137A). He is Tree Risk Assessment qualified, and Oak Wilt certified (TOWQ - 461) with 30 years of experience in arboriculture. David has an infectious passion for trees and cares deeply about educating others

on proper tree health, preservation, and protection. He consistently speaks at conferences, industry events, and lunch-and-learns, where his main focus is sharing the importance of tree care in North Texas and urban environments.