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Publications from the Michigan State University College of Agriculture & Natural Resources, MSU Turf and Landscape Digest, MSU Pest Management Digest, MSU Gardening in Michigan Digest and the USGA Green Section have been recently released. The Michigan Turfgrass Foundation is proud to share recent news and support these exceptional turf related programs at Michigan State University and turf related organizations throughout our industry.

LANSING STATE JOURNAL

Michigan State poised to partner with FIFA to make turf for '26 World Cup



“MSU is known for its renowned turfgrass program, which over seven decades has boasted research programs involving golf courses, athletic fields and even home lawns, from construction to the management of the turfgrass.”

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2023 Michigan Turfgrass Conference Recap

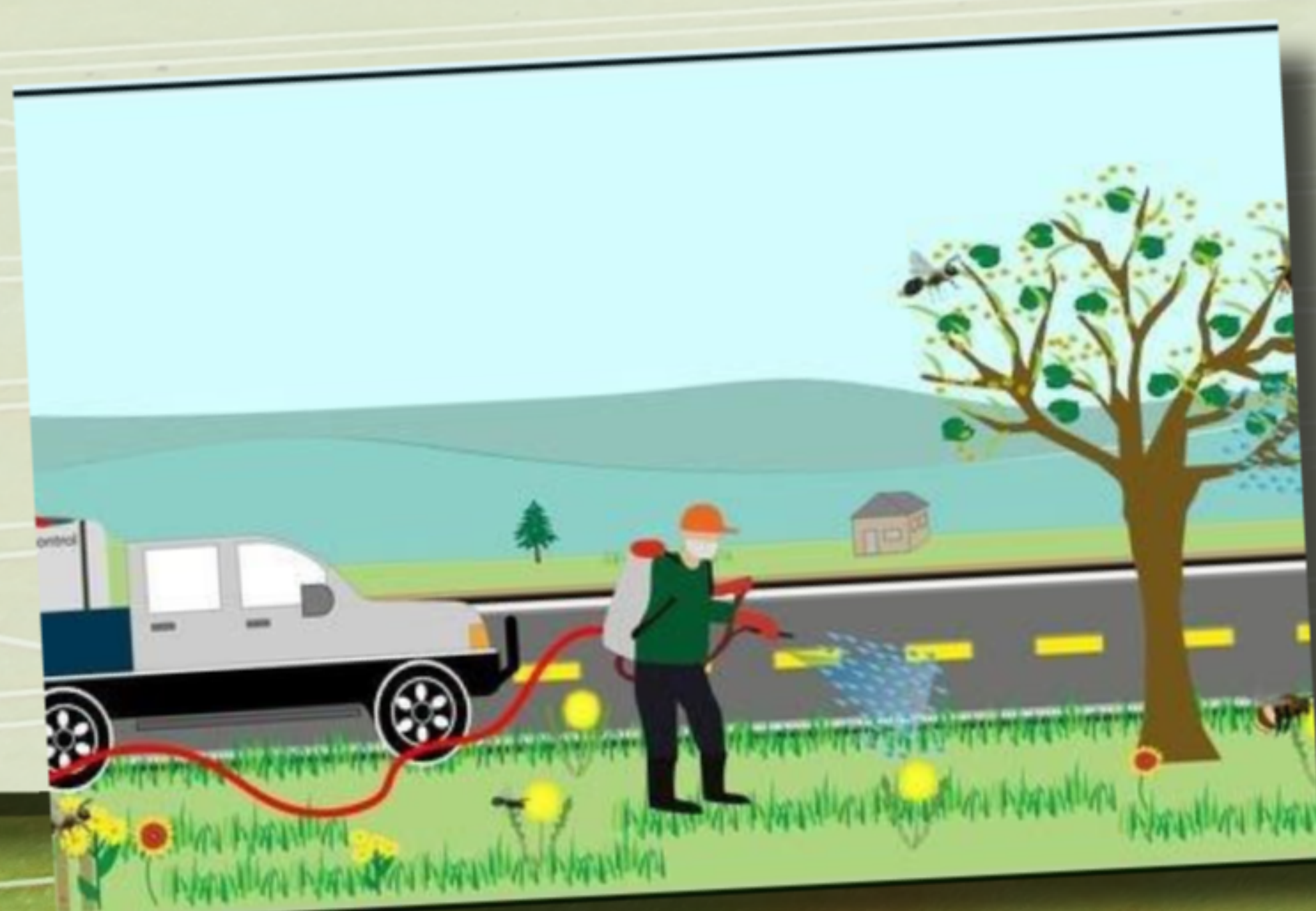
The MTF was pleased to present its 92nd Annual Turfgrass Conference at the Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan for the second consecutive year. Returning to the site proved to be the appropriate selection as attendance exceeded over 500 Turfgrass professionals and industry partners. In addition, seminars, classes, events, and gatherings surpassed all expectations making it the most successful event in recent history.

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MSU TURF & LANDSCAPE DIGEST

Online Course on Pollinator Protection for Land Managers is Now Available



Pesticide applicators who work in landscaping or land management can learn how they can support bees and other pollinators through the Pollinator Protection for Land Managers Online Course. This free course is self-paced, allowing students to review course materials at their own pace and on their own schedules. The course takes about an hour to complete.

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USGA GREEN SECTION RECORD

Managing Bentgrass Putting Greens without Plant Growth Regulators



The stress on bentgrass putting greens during summer in many parts of the U.S. can be considerable and PGR applications may not be helping matters. A growing body of research and practical experience suggests that discontinuing PGR use on bentgrass greens for part or all of the year in certain areas can lead to improved turf health and playing conditions, but making this change is not without challenges.

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The Downside of Faster Greens

Be careful what you wish for when it comes to green speed. Advances in technology and the science of golf course maintenance may have made faster and faster green speeds possible, but just because something is possible doesn't necessarily mean that it's desirable. Pushing for faster green speed carries some serious risks and plenty of courses have learned the hard way about what can happen. We should always beware of what might be lost in the pursuit of extra speed.

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MSU PEST MANAGEMENT DIGEST

Southeast Michigan Spring Fruit Meeting to be held March 23



The primary focus of the meeting will be pest management, including information about the recently detected spotted lanternfly, updates to MSU Enviroweather, and autonomous pest management. We will also have talks on succession planning, soil testing and an open forum to express your needs as a grower.

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