



## Call for Colleague Examples!!!

In February 2002 – the Canadian Golf Superintendents Association (CGSA) was presented with the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) 2002 Presidents Award for Environmental Stewardship. The receipt of the award was for the implementation of the CGSA Environmental Management Resource Manual. The CGSA has recently contracted Mark Scenna of Environmental Investigations Ltd. to prepare the 4<sup>th</sup> revision of this “award-winning” manual.

To complete a critical component of the revision process, the CGSA and EIL are looking for proactive golf course superintendents that have implemented environmental management practices at their facility with a request for these individuals to share their knowledge.

We are looking for examples on the following topics;

- **Fuel Storage**  
E.g. discuss the implementation of double-walled tanks and the proximity of your tanks to your maintenance facility.
- **Used Oil, Solvents Storage/Disposal**  
E.g. discuss the provincial registration process for disposal and your compliance activities.
- **Pesticide Application and Licensing**  
E.g. discuss the designation you obtained that allows you to certify others to apply product under observation.
- **Pesticide Storage**  
E.g. discuss the new building you purchased and/ or constructed in order to comply with the regulatory requirements.
- **Equipment Cleaning Wash Area** (including Environmental Monitoring)  
E.g. discuss implementing a proper containment pad with catch basin and filtering process for effluent run-off.
- **Spray Tank Mix/ Load Area** (including Pesticide Container Disposal)  
E.g. discuss implementing a proper contained area for use when filling your sprayer.
- **Solid Waste Management**  
E.g. discuss the composting of kitchen food scraps and the use of the compost on the course property (flower beds);
- **Working in and/or Adjacent to a Waterway**  
E.g. discuss the regulatory requirements of altering landscape within a floodplain.
- **Wetlands**  
E.g. discuss building a new or a renovation project that lies within or near a wetland;
- **Storm Water Management**  
E.g. discuss erosion and sediment control measures implemented to avoid storm water damage during a build or renovation.



- **Tree Removal and Clearing**  
E.g. discuss the regulatory measures required to comply with tree removal legislation and regulation;
- **Topsoil Conservation**  
E.g. discuss the control measures implemented to save costly topsoil during a build/ renovation;
- **Naturalization**  
E.g. discuss the native plants incorporated on your property to establish “buffer zones” and how these have contributed to savings in product use;
- **Pond Design, Construction and Operation**  
E.g. discuss the construction measures you had to incorporate in order to comply with legislation and regulations when building a new water reservoir;
- **Water Management & Conservation**  
E.g. you had an irrigation audit performed on your property and it has saved “x” amount of water and \$/ season while at the same time providing healthier turf.
- **IPM (Integrated Pest Management)**  
E.g. discuss innovative ideas that you have incorporated on your property that complement your IPM program.
- **Nutrient Management**  
E.g. discuss soil, tissue and paste sampling that has helped your turf-grass meet optimum levels;
- **Communication**  
E.g. discuss measures implemented on your property to aid in communication with regulatory officials, the public or club members on sensitive issues related to the environment;
- **Drinking Water on Golf Courses**  
E.g. discuss the inventive ideas implemented on your property to limit liability related to any possible contamination to drinking water provided for your patrons.

“Colleague Examples” are an integral component of the Environmental Management Resource Manual. They provide an outline of individual case histories that have been implemented on golf courses primarily as a means of complying with regulatory requirements. **Simply provide 1-2 paragraphs of your example and a photo, if possible, along with contact information. The description, photo and contact information will be published as part of the revised manual.** Submissions are requested by the end of October, 2009

Please forward all “Colleague Examples” as well as any questions or requests for additional information to:

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