

Welcome to 2020 Annual Conference!

Featuring David Rendell talking about “The Freak Factor”

Come hear this entertaining keynote speaker talk about flaunting our weaknesses, not trying to fix them. Find out how to increase productivity, enhance employee engagement, and improve teamwork by appreciating individual differences and amplifying uniqueness and flaws - instead of denying them.

And, as always, the conference will feature a broad spectrum of speakers and breakout sessions. The schedule includes topics of interest for everyone: municipal administrators and field personnel, utility partners, and commercial arborists. Don't miss also the opportunities to earn continuing education credits: ISA and MCA certified arborists, Massachusetts pesticide, safety credits (including CTSP), MCLP, and MQTW.



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- ✓ Professional Development Series helps you stay up-to-date in your field
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2020 Conference Schedule

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

- 7:45-8:30 am** Registration and Coffee
- 8:30-8:45 am** Opening Session—Annual Meeting
- 8:45-9:15 am** State DCR Update: Urban & Community Forestry
Julie Coop, Massachusetts DCR Urban & Community Forestry Coordinator, will speak about Urban Challenge Grants, the application process, examples of projects available for funding and more.
- 9:15-10:15 am** Utilizing Urban Wood Waste
Sean Mahoney, Program Director, Massachusetts DCR Utilization & Marketing Forestry. The urban forest of metropolitan Boston generates an estimated 643,000 tons of urban wood waste annually. Beyond Boston we have all seen urban tree waste piled up waiting to go to the grinder, but are there ways we can put this resource to better use? Learn what some communities are already doing to recycle waste wood into products with meaningful public benefit, and simple steps municipalities can take to improve their waste management options.
- 10:15-10:45 am** Break with Exhibitors
- 10:50-11:40 am** Insect Pests Of 2019: The Old, The New, and the Odd. **Tawny Simisky**, UMass Amherst Extension Entomologist, will present the year's most common insect pests, as seen in the UMass Plant Diagnostic Lab and reported by professionals and the public. Did you notice tattered oak leaves back in June? What about soft scales? Weird acorns? Hear about these strange things as well as bagworms and other pests that were active this season, and get a status update on the invasive spotted lanternfly (*Lycorma delicatula*) in the USA.
- 11:45-12:30 pm** Luncheon—Banquet and Annual Meeting conclusion
- 12:45-2:15 pm** KEYNOTE: “The Freak Factor”
David Rendall, public speaker and comedian, will present *The Freak Factor: Discovering Uniqueness by Flaunting Weakness*. (Read more on the reverse of this brochure.)
- 2:15-2:55 pm** Break with Exhibitors
- 3:00-4:15 pm** Debris Management in Disasters: Assistance Through Mutual Aid and Coordination. **Michael Russas, MEP**, Section Chief, Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency Response and Field Services. Debris management operations during a disaster often dictate the success and timeliness of a community's ability to respond and recover. This presentation will give an overview of the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), how MEMA coordinates debris management operations in support of communities, and insights on local public works mutual aid. Using a case study of the 2019 tornadoes on Cape Cod, the speaker will provide some examples of best practices and challenges seen during this event.
- 4:15-4:30 pm** Wrap-up—Door Prizes
- 4:30-6:00 pm** Reception in Exhibit Hall Join us for a social get-together, graciously supported by our exhibitors.

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

- 8:30-9:00 am** Registration and Coffee
- 9:00-10:00 am** Pesticide Best Management Practices: Protecting the Environment and the Applicator. **Taryn LaScola-Miner**, Director, Crop and Pest Services Division, Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, will take a fresh look at pesticide applications, including product registration, the importance of labeling and label content, and best management practices for promoting safety and compliance.
- 10:05-10:55 am** Break with Exhibitors
- 11:00-11:50 pm** BREAKOUT SESSIONS:
1) Municipal OSHA Compliance with the Right to Know and More. **Jennifer Tetreault**, HazCompliance, LLC SafetyNet Compliance Solutions Director, will present the components of OSHA's Right to Know Standard and how it pertains to the Tree Wardens' and Foresters' sector. In addition, other applicable requirements of OSHA will be explored, including a discussion of feasible implementation of the standards.
2) Right-of-Way Herbicide Applications and Developing a Vegetation Management Plan. **Clayton Edwards**, Pesticide Division ROW Coordinator, Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, will present best practices for right-of-way management and will discuss how to draft and submit a municipal Vegetation Management Plan. (Intended for Category 40)
- 12:00-12:50 pm** Lunch
- 1:00-2:00 pm** Tree Wardens Panel. This popular group discussion, including a question and answer session, will cover hot topics such as private tree issues, resources and laws to reference, and tools for record-keeping. Come join the dialogue and learn what peers in your area are doing.
- 2:00-3:00 pm** Trees and Shrubs in the Landscape: 2019 Disease Review
Nicholas J. Brazee, PhD, Plant Pathologist, UMass Extension, will cover the most important diseases affecting landscape trees and shrubs over this past year. Specific topics will include winter injury, anthracnose of maple and sycamore, secondary pathogens of oak, white pine dieback, and research updates from the diagnostic lab.
- 3:00 pm** Childs Fund Raffle, Door Prizes and Closing

The conference educational program is funded by a grant from the USDA Forest Service, Urban and Community Forestry Program and the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, Bureau of Forestry

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