

# **Parks, golf course and sports field management workshop to be held March 25 in San Marcos**

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SAN MARCOS – Those interested in learning about turf management and irrigation for parks, golf courses, and sports field maintenance are invited to attend a free workshop from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on March 25 in San Marcos.

The workshop is being presented by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, the Plum Creek Watershed Partnership and Texas State University.

The morning session will be held at the AgriLife Extension office for Hays County, located at 1253 Civic Center Loop. The afternoon session, which will include a sports field audit, will take place on the campus of Texas State University.

The workshop will be of interest to park, golf course and sports facility managers who want to maintain the highest quality fields possible and conserve water through proper irrigation principles, said Jim McAfee, AgriLife Extension turf grass specialist in Dallas.

The overall purpose of the course is to present information on turf grass management, soil fertility, and irrigation equipment-design and to assist them with determining the condition of their fields by conducting an audit, McAfee said. The sports field audit portion of the workshop will include evaluation of irrigation, fertilization, mowing, aerification and water conservation.

The workshop will address the importance of developing an effective and economical fertilization program; the best mowing height and frequency; creating a customized irrigation program; developing an aerification program to promote turf grass growth; and proper water use to assure continued high-quality water availability.

The workshop is free due to funding by AgriLife Extension and the Plum Creek Watershed Partnership through a CWA §319(h) Nonpoint Source Grant from the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

To receive a registration form and for more information, contact Nikki Dictson, phone: 979-845-2425 or email: [n-dictson@tamu.edu](mailto:n-dictson@tamu.edu).

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