



LCAP NEWS

Lawn Care Association of Pennsylvania

Winter Conference Edition - 2025

33rd Annual Winter Lawn Care Conference

- 255 Registered Attendees
- Trade show included 29 Representatives from 16 companies
- Representatives from PA Department of Agriculture to answer questions on individual pesticide licenses
- Speakers included:
 - Tim Abbey - Penn State Extension
 - Dr. Mike Fidanza, Penn State University - Berks Campus
 - Emily Fricke, PDA
 - Stephanie Schwartz, PDA
 - Dr. Pete Landschoot, Professor Emeritus, Penn State University
- Credits Offered
 - 2 00 - Core
 - 6 Private Category (PC)
 - 3 Category 6
(Ornamental and Shade Trees)
 - 6 Category 7
(Lawn and Turf)
 - 9 Category 18
(Demonstration and Research)
 - 9 Category 23
(Park/School Pest Control)
- Your credits have been submitted to PDA

LCAPabout us

In an effort to promote and protect their businesses, a group of Pennsylvania lawn care firms formed the Lawn Care Association of PA in 1989. LCAP has grown to become an organization comprised of concerned individuals, such as owner-operators, applicators, suppliers, and distributors, who take an active interest in the health, growth and direction of the lawn care industry in Pennsylvania.



Tim Abbey from Penn State Extension presents to the attendees.



Dr. Pete Landschoot presents "Identification of Common and Uncommon Lawn Weeds"

Thank you

- To our speakers for sharing your time and knowledge
- To our sponsors for supporting LCAP
- To our attendees for your commitment to LCAP and your profession.

See you next year on February 10, 2026

LCAP Scholarship Recipients

2025 Mark Phipps' Memorial LCAP Scholarship

Jillian Ulozas

Delaware Valley University

Jillian was recommended by Dr. Doug Linde at Delaware Valley University. She is majoring in Turf Management and will graduate in 2026.

Dr. Linde describes Jillian as honest, friendly, and coachable. With her motivation and good work ethic she will be a successful turf manager in any of the turf industries, including lawn care.



Jillian Ulozas, Mike Kravitsky, V

LCAP Family Scholarships



Jenna Krause

Members:
Nathan, Jason,
and Michele
Krause

Jenna is
attending Penn
State University
majoring in
Accounting



Colin Welsh

Member:
Bobby Keller

Colin is attending Rose-
Hulman
Institute of Technology
majoring in
Mechanical Engineering



John Davitt

Member:
Francis Davitt

John is attending
Reading Area
Community College
majoring in
Business
Administration

Congratulations and Good Luck to all our recipients.

Scholarship applications are available to all current members in good standing. Please contact LCAP office with any questions.

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Pennsylvania Urban Nutrient Management - Spring Greening



Spring to Life

As the snow slowly melts away, the birds begin to sing and fresh life bursts from the soil heralding the approach of Spring and the lawn maintenance season.

For the 1 million-plus acres of home lawns in Pennsylvania, selecting and implementing an appropriate lawncare management program to promote healthy and aesthetically pleasing lawns is not only important to homeowners, but is also essential to protecting our waterways.

Know What's Best. Soil Test!

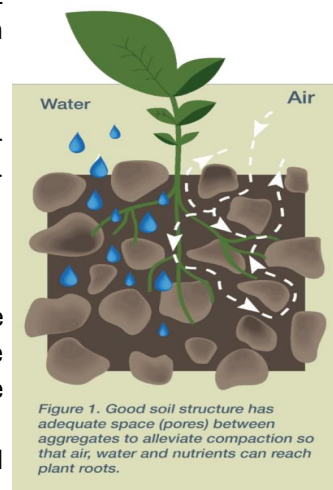
The first step to understanding what your lawn really needs to be lush, healthy, and green is to know what your soil needs. It is important to conduct regular soil tests to determine nutrient deficiencies that should guide fertilizer selection and application. Soil test kits can be purchased for a nominal fee from your local [Penn State Extension office](#).

Following soil test recommendations, reading fertilizer label instructions, and using a properly calibrated spreader will ensure the right amount of nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium are applied, while reducing nutrient loss and fertilizer cost.

Soil Health. It's the bottom line.

Maintaining a happy, healthy soil is imperative to your lawn's success. Soil is the foundation for your lawn and is home to a multitude of microorganisms that are essential for plant growth. Take the time to support your soil by incorporating some simple practices into your lawn care program. Your lawn and wallet will thank you.

- **Keep it open.** Routine soil aeration can help reduce soil compaction. Good soil structure is essential for proper root growth, healthy microbe communities, and the movement and exchange of water, air, and nutrients.
- **Raise it up.** Maintain a taller lawn by only cutting 1/3 of the grass blade with each mowing. Taller lawns slow runoff and promote deeper roots, which reduces lawn stress and improves soil structure.
- **Put it back.** Return nutrients and organic matter back to the soil by mulching your leaves and grass clippings.



Good soil structure has adequate pore space between soil particles to allow for the movement of air, water, and nutrients into the root zone

For more soil management strategies, contact your local county conservation district or Penn State Extension office.

Green Lawns – Clean Streams

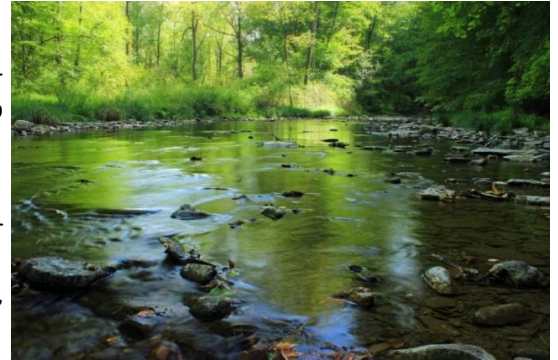
Pennsylvania's 2022 Fertilizer Law amendments were developed to protect Pennsylvania waterways and the waterways downstream. As a bonus, following the limitations in the law will boost your bottom line by ensuring that your investment doesn't wash away. The 2022 law established the following nitrogen and phosphorus limits for turf fertilizer applications.

- Nitrogen is limited to 0.9 pounds of total nitrogen and 0.7 pounds of available nitrogen per 1000 ft² per application.
- No phosphorus can be applied unless establishing or repairing turf.

- Nitrogen and phosphorus rates can be adjusted based on soil test recommendations and/or if using an enhanced-efficiency fertilizer.

In addition to the nutrient limitations, the law also established application parameters to prevent direct movement of fertilizer nutrients into our streams:

- Do not apply fertilizer if a heavy rain event is expected.
- Keep fertilizer away from drainage ditches, storm drains, or water. Maintain a 15-foot buffer from the banks of all waterways.
- Remove fertilizer that lands on impervious surfaces (driveways, sidewalks, roads, parking lots).



Working Together for Clean Water

With ever growing acres of managed turf in Pennsylvania, controlling what goes into PA waterways is ALL of our responsibility. Help protect Pennsylvania's waterways by being wise when you fertilize!

For more information on the Pennsylvania Fertilizer Law, visit the Department of Agriculture's website at agriculture.pa.gov/fertilizer or contact Denise Uzupis at duzupis@pa.gov.

Trade Show Participants

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