



## MICHIGAN NURSERY & LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION E-NEWSLETTER

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We bring you these updates to keep you and your employees up-to-date and informed.

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## Taking the Pulse of the Green Industry - Tell us How You are Doing!

As we move from the Spring and into the Summer season, we'd like to hear from you to assess what challenges you are facing and how you are

maneuvering them. Please take five minutes to complete this survey and let us know what you are facing out there on the front lines. Click [HERE](#) to take the survey or, if you prefer, you can email [Amy Upton](#) or call (517) 381-0437 to let us know how you are doing.



## Box Tree Moth Resources

Additional resources are now available from MSU Extension on Box Tree Moth. Click [HERE](#) to see the resources.



## MIOSHA Reminds Employers to Prepare for Summer Heat Hazards

As temperatures begin rising across Michigan, MIOSHA is encouraging employers to review workplace heat illness prevention procedures and take steps to protect workers from heat-related hazards. Hot and humid conditions can create serious risks for both outdoor and indoor workers,

particularly those performing physically demanding tasks or working in areas with limited ventilation.

Heat-related illnesses can develop quickly and may range from heat cramps and heat exhaustion to heat stroke, which can be life-threatening if not treated immediately. Workers who are new to a job or returning after time away from work may face a greater risk as their bodies gradually adjust to working in hot conditions.

MIOSHA encourages employers to establish heat illness prevention procedures and train workers and supervisors to recognize the signs and symptoms of heat-related illness before conditions become dangerous. Employers should evaluate workplace conditions and take appropriate precautions to reduce heat stress and protect employees.

Important heat illness prevention measures include:

- Providing workers with access to water, rest and shade or cooler recovery areas
- Scheduling strenuous work during cooler parts of the day when possible
- Allowing workers time to gradually build heat tolerance through acclimatization
- Monitoring weather conditions and heat index levels
- Watching for signs of heat-related illness among workers
- Developing emergency response procedures for heat-related incidents

Heat hazards can impact workers across many industries including construction, landscaping, agriculture, manufacturing and warehousing. Employers are responsible for protecting workers from recognized workplace hazards, including heat-related hazards.

For additional heat illness prevention resources and MIOSHA's sample heat illness prevention plan, visit [Michigan.gov/heat](https://www.michigan.gov/heat).

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## MNLA Member Benefits Spotlight: Member Savings Program - Powered by Windfall

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# MNLA's Community Landscape Beautification Awards Program: Deadline July 1, 2026

The "Community Landscape Beautification Awards Program" recognizes outstanding communities for their excellence in improving the physical and aesthetic environment of their neighborhoods, and in raising the awareness of the positive economic growth and environmental impacts that quality landscaping brings to Michigan's communities. These projects are designed to enhance the visual image of the neighborhoods, improve livability, build civic pride and promote community spirit.

To be eligible for a Community Landscape Beautification Award, the project must be a Non-Residential Landscape in a Community setting, readily visible from the street and meet the standards and entry rules as set forth by MNLA. Any Public Project is Eligible (parks, downtown streetscapes, gateway projects, etc.). Any Public Facility is Eligible (schools, University campuses, libraries, hospitals, etc.).

If you have worked on a community project or have an active Garden Club in your Community, please pass this on to them. Click [HERE](#) for more information and [HERE](#) to submit your Application online. **The deadline to apply is July 1, 2026.**

*(Photo above: Award winner "Monet Garden of Muskegon")*



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PRESENTED BY THE MICHIGAN NURSERY & LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION

# 2027 Great Lakes Trade Exposition

January 19-21, 2027

***Build it, Grow it, and They will come!***

Save the Date and Reserve your Booth Space Now!

*2027 Great Lakes Trade Exposition - Promoting a healthy economic future through ideas, interaction and inspiration for all segments of Michigan's Green Industry!*

We are pleased to announce the Green Industry's oldest, largest, and most respected show of its kind in Michigan, the 104th Great Lakes Trade Expo (GLTE), is being held January 19-21, 2027 at the DeVos Place and Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids, MI!

The 2027 GLTE is a Tuesday through Thursday event with a two-day trade show and three days of classroom and hands-on education. The GLTE Experience Team is off to a great start developing the education conference and trade show and have come up with a fun theme for the 2027 GLTE—Baseball—and slogan for the show that reflects the essence of our industry—*Build it, Grow it, and They will come!* We're planning to "hit it out of the park" for you at next year's show and are encouraging exhibitors and attendees to get in the spirit with booth designs and dressing in your favorite team's gear. More plans and fun details will be coming soon.

Our appreciation goes to the firms that have already committed to exhibiting and sponsoring the 2027 GLTE and we are pleased to introduce them to you. We encourage you to give your business to these firms that support our efforts to protect you!

Add your name to these growing lists! Exhibitor and Sponsorship information is now available by going to [www.GLTE.org](http://www.GLTE.org).

## GLTE 2027 Exhibitors

- Acorn Farms Inc.
- Advanced Turf Solutions
- AIS Construction Equipment
- Alert Distributing Inc.
- All Weather Seal of West Michigan
- Allen Lund Company LLC
- Alta Equipment Company
- American BioChar Company
- Armintrout's West Michigan Farms, Inc.
- B&B Truck Equipment
- Bad Boy Country
- Badger Evergreen Nursery LLC
- Bandit Industries, Inc.

- L&L Tarp and Canvas
- La Crosse Seed
- Lake County Nursery
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- LeafFilter Gutter Protection
- Lincoln Nurseries, Inc.
- Lunghamer Ford/Bostick Truck Center
- MacAllister Machinery
- Mangrove
- Manthei Supply
- Mason Lawn & Snow
- McCann Industries
- McHutchison
- Meadowood Enterprises
- Mellema Nursery LLC

- Belden Architectural Elements
- Belgard
- BFG Supply
- Blue Grass Farms of Indiana, Inc.
- Bobyard
- Braun Nursery
- C.M. Brown Nurseries, Inc.
- CA Cornerstone
- Cannonsburg Wood Products, Inc.
- Carleton Equipment Co.
- Christensen's Plant & Hardscape Centers
- Consumers Concrete Corporation
- County Materials Corporation
- Curv-Rite
- Cushman Creek Supply
- Cutco Cutlery
- D & B Plants LLC
- D&K Truck Company
- Dayton Bag & Burlap
- DeGroot, Inc.
- DeVroomen Garden Products
- Discount Tree Sales & Transplanting
- Ditch Witch Sales of Michigan
- Dutchman Tree Farms, LLC
- Dutchman Tree Spade
- Easy Tree Nursery
- EasyPro Pond Products
- Eco Green Supply
- Ed's Concrete
- EHR - Eason Horticultural Resources
- Elite Field Service
- Elmiger Ornamentals
- Envu Turf and Ornamentals
- Eshraghi Nurseries, LLC
- Evergreen Seed Supply, LLC
- Ewing Outdoor Supply
- Exmark Distributed by Power Equipment Distributors
- Fairview Evergreen Nurseries, Inc.
- Fendt Builders' Supply, Inc.
- Fond du Lac Natural Stone
- Forrest Keeling Nursery

- MHI Fund/RPS Regency
- Michigan Evergreen Nursery, Inc.
- Michigan Peat Company
- Michigan Wood Fibers LLC
- Mid-Michigan Snow Equipment, LLC
- Midwest Groundcovers
- MIOSHA CET Division
- MISS DIG 811
- MJConnell Sales
- MNLA-Member Service Booth
- Monrovia Nursery Company
- Moose & Squirrel Horticultural Resources
- Morgan Composting Inc.
- National Nursery Products
- New Equipment Leasing, Inc./NEL Financial, LLC
- Night Light Landscape Illumination
- Northern Trellis & Woodworking LLC
- Northland Farms, LLC
- NYP Corp.
- Oaks Landscape Products
- Orion Stone Wholesale
- Permaloc
- Petitti Family Farms
- Pine Rest Employee Assistance Program
- Pizzo Group
- Poleo Associates
- Precision Work Inc.
- Proven Winners Carleton (formerly Four Star Greenhouse, Inc.)
- R.H. Wiles Sales
- Ray Wiegand's Nursery, Inc.
- Renewed Earth, Inc.
- Rhino Seed & Landscape Supply
- Richey Nursery Company LLC
- Rock Bottom Stone Supply
- Rosebay Nursery
- Royal Truck & Utility Trailer
- Santerra Stonecraft
- Sester Farms Inc.
- SiteOne Landscape Supply
- Spring Brook Supply
- Spring Meadow Nursery, Inc.
- Standard Nursery LLC

- Gallagher Affinity
- Garham Group
- Gee Farms Nursery & Greenhouse LLC
- Grants Wood Shop
- Great Lakes Landscape Supply
- Great Lakes Nursery Soils, Inc.
- Great Lakes Ornamentals, LLC
- Great Lakes Pondscapes
- Greenleaf Nursery Company
- Hammond Farms Landscape Supply
- Harrell's LLC
- Heritage Nursery
- HES Equipment
- High Format
- Hoekstra Equipment
- Horizon Plants LLC
- Hortech, Inc.
- Huggett Sod Farm, Inc.
- Interfaceh2o
- Iseli Nursery
- J. Frank Schmidt & Son Co.
- J.C. Bakker & Sons Ltd
- Johnson's Nursery LLC
- K&R Truck Sales/West Michigan International
- Kankakee Nursery Co.
- Kaplan Liquid Solutions
- Kent Equipment

- Steel Green Manufacturing
- Steinkopf and Sons Wholesale Nursery
- Superior Wholesale Landscape Supply
- Sure-loc Edging Inc.
- Tandeski Associates
- Target Specialty Products
- Techniseal
- The Tree Connection, Inc.
- TreeDiaper
- Trees of the Field LLC/Parma Tree Farm
- Twixwood Nursery
- Unilock Michigan, Inc.
- United Label & SATO
- Van Agen Sod Farm, Inc.
- VanderWall Brothers, Inc.
- Vermeer Midwest
- Walters Gardens, Inc.
- Weaver Craft Structures
- Weingartz Supply Co.
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Lunch/Network Area



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Trade Show Aisle Banner



Attendee Bag



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## Mulch & Soil Council Request for Comments

### ***SPECIAL NOTICE:*** ***STAKEHOLDER Comment Period*** ***for Revised Standards***

The Mulch & Soil Council (MSC) invites STAKEHOLDER comments on proposed amendments to its "Uniform Product Guidelines for Horticultural Mulches, Growing Media, and Landscape Soils & Amendments" (UPG).

The comment period **ends July 15, 2026**.

A copy of the draft revised UPG is available [HERE](#). Comments and questions should be directed to MSC Executive Director Robert LaGasse at [exedir@mulchandsoilcouncil.org](mailto:exedir@mulchandsoilcouncil.org).



## MNLA's 36th Annual Golf Classic August 13, 2026

Sponsorship opportunities are still available for the 36th Annual MNLA Golf Classic taking place Thursday, August 13, 2026, at PohlCat Golf Course in Mount Pleasant.

The outing is officially sold out; however, interested participants may join the waitlist by contacting Becky at [Becky@MNLA.org](mailto:Becky@MNLA.org) or (517) 381-0437.

Proceeds from the MNLA Golf Classic directly benefit the MNLA Scholarship Fund, helping to support and inspire the next generation of professionals pursuing careers in Michigan's Green Industry. Your sponsorship investment makes a meaningful difference in the educational and professional development of future industry leaders.

## Thank you to the 2026 sponsors!

- Alta Equipment Company
- Association of Grand Rapids Landscape Professionals (AGRLP)
- Armintrout's West Michigan Farms, Inc.
- B&B Truck Equipment
- Bad Boy Mowers
- Belden Architectural Elements
- Breezy Hill Nursery
- Capital Area Landscape and Nurseryman's

- Lansing Home & Garden Show /ShowSpan, Inc.
- Martini Golf Tees, Inc.
- Michigan Horticulture Industries Self Insured Workers' Compensation Fund (MHI Fund)
- Michigan Wood Fibers LLC
- Mid Michigan Snow & Landscape Products
- Northern Michigan Nursery and Landscape

- Association (CALNA)
- Christensen's Plant & Hardscape Centers
- Certified Green Industry Professional (CGIP)
- D&K Truck Co.
- Dale's Landscaping Supply, Inc.
- Ditch Witch Sales of Michigan
- Fendt Builders' Supply, Inc.
- Fox Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM
- Gallagher Affinity
- Greenstone Farm Credit Services
- Great Lakes Landscape Supply
- Hammond Farms Landscape Supply, Inc.
- Heritage Nursery
- High Format
- Hoekstra Equipment
- Hummerbee Rough Terrain Equipment
- La Crosse Seed A DLF Division
- Landscape Supply Inc.

- Association (NMNLA)
- Ray Wiegand's Nursery, Inc.
- Red Lava, Inc.
- Rhino Seed & Landscape Supply, LLC
- Rock Bottom Stone Supply
- RPS Regency (Platinum Sponsor Partner)
- Saginaw Valley Nursery and Landscape Association (SVNLA)
- Santerra Stonecraft
- Southeast Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association (SEMNLA)
- Southwest Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association (SWMLA)
- Unilock Michigan, Inc.
- Walker Mowers
- West Michigan Home & Garden Show / ShowSpan, Inc.
- West Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association (WMNLA)



## Hotel Accommodations

### Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort

6800 Soaring Eagle Blvd.  
Mt. Pleasant, MI

A block of rooms at a discounted price of \$145/night has been reserved for both  
**Wednesday, August 12th & Thursday, August 13th.**

Use the code **MNLA081226** when you call to make a reservation (1-877-232-4532) or when making a reservation online at [SoaringEagleCasino.com](http://SoaringEagleCasino.com). If registering online, choose the "Book Stay" tab,

select your date(s) first and then change the "Promo Code" box to "Group Code". Enter the code **MNLA081226** and click "APPLY".  
**The deadline for this special rate is July 22,2026.**  
**Pricing is valid for 8/12/26 and 8/13/26.**



## Weeding Out



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## Seasonal Risks:

## Herbicide/Pesticide Use & Liability

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This time of year represents a major peak period for your business; weeds and unsightly plants are growing in full force, powered by spring rains and more seasonable temperatures, and damaging insects are out in search of tender young plants to eat.

As a landscaper, you'll need to control these pesky issues, often requiring the use of powerful chemicals known as pesticides. Pesticides are broken down into specialties: herbicides for weed control, insecticides for insects and fungicides to help control diseases that would otherwise damage or kill valuable plants.

No matter which kind of pesticide is required on your job site, these chemicals are dangerous due to their health and environmental risks — people can become seriously injured, ill and even die depending on their exposure levels. Because pesticides often require repeat applications during this time of year to manage issues, such as insect or disease outbreaks, it's essential that you have the proper safeguards in place to protect your business should their use go awry.

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## Upcoming Education & Events

### JULY 2026

**July 23: Turf and Landscape Diagnostic Tour at Applewood Estate, Flint, MI.** MDARD recertification credits (Approved): 2 CEUs in 3A, 3B, or 6. [REGISTER HERE](#) or email Emily for information: [Emily@MNLA.org](mailto:Emily@MNLA.org).

**July 29: U.P. Pesticide Applicator Continuing Education & Skills Training in Marquette, MI.** This year's program will have a hands-on sprayer and spreader calibration workshop; a diagnostic walking tour of the turfgrass and landscape of Northern Michigan University's campus, updates on U.P. invasive vegetation and a MDARD mock spray vehicle roadside inspection. MDARD recertification credits (applied for): 8 CEUs in Commercial Core, Private Core, 2, 3A, 3B or 6. [REGISTER HERE](#) or email Emily for information: [Emily@MNLA.org](mailto:Emily@MNLA.org).

### AUGUST 2026

**August 12 & 19: Elite Crew Training in East Lansing, MI.** Two consecutive Wednesdays of hands-on training for landscape crew members. Email Emily for information: [Emily@MNLA.org](mailto:Emily@MNLA.org).

#### **August 13: MNLA's 36th Annual Golf Classic**

Mark your calendar for this summer's Annual Golf Classic! This year's event will once again take place at PohlCat Golf Course, located at 6595 E. Airport Rd. in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. Don't forget—100% of the proceeds support the MNLA Scholarship Fund. Last year alone, 11 scholarships were awarded, helping to make a meaningful impact in the lives of students pursuing careers in the Green Industry. For more information contact Becky at (517) 381-0437 or email [Becky@MNLA.org](mailto:Becky@MNLA.org).

**August 18-20: Jeffrey Scott's 9th Annual Summer Growth Summit** in Detroit, MI, hosted by Troy Clogg Landscape Associates, Great Lakes Landscape Design and Jeffrey Scott Consulting. Click [HERE](#) for more information

and for access to the MNLA Member discount pricing link.

**August 26: 3rd Annual NMNLA Golf Outing**, Antrim Dells Golf Course, Ellsworth, MI. Registration and Sponsorship Information will be sent out soon.

**August 28: Landscape Design Tour in Detroit, MI.** Join your peers for a creative and inspirational day of tours featuring residential, commercial, and public landscapes in the Metro Detroit area. Email Emily for information:

[Emily@MNLA.org](mailto:Emily@MNLA.org) or [REGISTER HERE](#).

### SEPTEMBER 2026

**September 28: 2nd Annual SEMNLA Golf Outing**, West Shore Golf and Country Club, Grosse Ile, MI. Registration and Sponsorship Information will be sent out soon.

### OCTOBER 2026

**October 6: Sustainable Practices for Every Site – Managing Invasives and Solving Site Challenges**, Wixom, MI. *Save the Date!* 8 MDARD recertification credits applied for. Email Emily for information: [Emily@MNLA.org](mailto:Emily@MNLA.org).

**October 8: 10th Annual Green Industry Chapter Sporting Clays Competition and Meet & Greet, Brighton, MI**, *Sponsored by Southeast MI Nursery & Landscape Association and Unilock Michigan*. Registration information will be sent out soon. Email Amy for information: [Amy@MNLA.org](mailto:Amy@MNLA.org).

### NOVEMBER 2026

**November 4 & 5: Pesticide Credit Clinic**, Ann Arbor, MI. *Save the Date!* 8 MDARD recertification credits available each day. (Please note that the same content will be presented at the Ann Arbor and Lansing Credit Clinics.). Email Emily for information: [Emily@MNLA.org](mailto:Emily@MNLA.org).

**November 9 & 10: Pesticide Credit Clinic**, East Lansing, MI. *Save the Date!* 8 MDARD recertification credits available each day. (Please note that the same content will be presented at the Ann Arbor and Lansing Credit Clinics.). Email Emily for information: [Emily@MNLA.org](mailto:Emily@MNLA.org)

**November 12: “Plant Your People!” Leadership Development Program**, “Developing the Leader Within You”. *Presented by John Kennedy in Okemos, MI*. Contact Emily at [Emily@MNLA.org](mailto:Emily@MNLA.org) for information on how to apply to the program.

### DECEMBER 2026

**December 17: “Plant Your People!” Leadership Development Program**, “Communication is the Key to Leadership”. *This is a virtual session presented by John Kennedy*. Contact Emily at [Emily@MNLA.org](mailto:Emily@MNLA.org) for information on how to apply to the program.



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