

# WELCOME!

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## Schedule at a Glance & Education Sessions

For tracks and detailed descriptions of each session, go to [rmrta.org](http://rmrta.org).

### Tues., Dec. 5 - Workshops

- 7am-8am Registration and Breakfast
- 8am-3pm **Pesticide Applicator Prep Course (Full Day)** - Lisa Blecker
- 8am-11am **Disease Management** - Mike Fidanza - \*Category 206  
**Turf and Weedy Grass Identification** - Dr. Tony Koski - \*Category 206  
**Right Plant Right Choice: Turf Grass in a Changing Western Environment** - Zach Johnson, Scott Curry & Chris Tragakes
- 11am-12pm **Lunch** (Not provided - several nearby restaurants available)
- 12pm-3pm **What Works In Latest Trends in Golf Architecture** - Kevin Atkinson  
**Plant Detectives: Identification and Diagnostics** - Dr. Alison O'Connor & Eric Hammond - \*Category 207

### Wed., Dec. 6

- 7am-8am Registration and Breakfast
- 8am-9am **General Session & Keynote Speaker** - Matt Makens - Makens Weather
- 9am-10am **Japanese Beetle Grubs** - Whitney Cranshaw - \*Category 207  
**Athletic Field Safety Best Management Practices** - Dr. Chrissie Segars  
**Sustainability in Golf Architecture** - Kevin Atkinson  
**Turf Equipment Operation & Diagnostics** - Michael North  
**Spray Efficacy and Proper Tank Mixing** - Don Frantz
- 10am-11am **Fairy Ring Biology & Control** - Mike Fidanza - \*Category 206  
**Turfgrass Paint - A Revisited Idea For Turfgrass Recovery** - Alfie Gardiner  
**Lawn/Drought/Irrigation Management** - Catherine Moravec  
**Sprayer Maintenance and Repair** - Scott Hosie  
**How To Integrate Modern Technology Into Your Current Golf Maintenance Operation** - Kevin Hauschel
- 11am-4pm Turf Industry Trade Show Open  
12pm-1pm Lunch Served on Trade Show Floor

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- 1pm-2pm **Biostimulants for Turfgrass Management** - Mike Fidanza  
**Using HDPE Fittings** - Dave Krause  
**Maintenance and Repair On Pumps Big and Small** - Joel Monroe  
**How Adjuvants Aid in the Landscape** - Don Frantz  
**World Cup 2026 Research Update** - Dr. Trey Rogers
- 2pm-5pm De-Turfing Reception - Trade Show Floor
- 2pm-3pm **Site Specific Turfgrass Selection In Colorado** - Dr. Chrissie Segars  
**Organic Matter Management** - Dr. Tony Koski  
**Irrigation Troubleshooting Methods** - Spencer Jordan  
**Preventative Golf Car Maintenance** - DJ Jones & John Namovicz  
**Pesticides: Perception vs. Reality** - Paul Giordano - \*Category 206
- 3pm-4pm **Using Electronic Testers** - Brian Robbins  
**Using Soil Sensors To Improve & Automate Irrigation Of Turf & Landscapes** Jay Ham  
**How Herbicides Work and Common Herbicide Application Mistakes** Dr. Chrissie Segars - \*Category 206  
**Golf Renovation Strategies, Varied Depth Greens and Beyond!** - Dr. Trey Rogers

### Thurs., Dec. 7

- 7am-8am Registration and Breakfast
- 8am-12pm Trade Show Open
- 8am-12pm **Pesticide Applicators Core Credits** - Lisa Blecker - \*Category Core Credits (7)
- 8am-9am **Engaging our Youth and Paving the Way for the Next Generation of Superintendents** - David Phipps  
**Data Driven Decisions For Your Agronomic Program** - Matt Giese  
**Factors That Impact Pesticide Performance** - Dr. Raymond Cloyd
- 9am-10am **Nature Grass Construction and Maintenance** - Josh DeJong  
**Utilizing Best Practices For Drought Irrigation** - Sarah Martin, CSFM  
**Annual Trial Garden and Plant Select Update** - Chad Miller
- 10am-11am **Preparations Leading Up To Championship Week Operations** - Josh Hester  
**Seed Journey: Farm to Field** - Micah Gould  
**Non-Grub Insect Pests Of Turfgrass** - Dr. Raymond Cloyd - \*Category 206
- 11am-12pm **Snow Mold** - Matt Giese - \*Category 206  
**Aquatic Weed Control** - Kaitlyn Quincy - \*Category 108  
**Pollinator Friendly Lawns** - Dr. Tony Koski - \*Category 206  
**Water Restrictions & Conservation Policies** - Darren Nowels & Spencer Bernard