

Legislative Update

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ANSI A300 Updates Current A300 New Standards and Revisions:

- New standards: (completed)
 - Part 8 – Root and Root Zone Management
 - Part 9 – Tree Risk Assessment
- Revision of existing standards: (completed)
 - Part 2 – Fertilization
 - Part 5 – Management
 - Part 6 – Transplanting

No public reviews are currently scheduled. Public reviews and other revisions or new ANSI A300 parts may be seen at any time at <http://www.tcia.org/standards/CurrentProjects.htm>.

ANSI Z133 ASC Z133 (Arboriculture Safety Standard Committee) last met 11-10-10. The committee began the process of reviewing and discussing recommendations for the 2011 standard revision. The next meeting is scheduled for 4-13-11. The 45-day public review period will begin on 2-18-11 and end 4-4-11. This is a very short time for public comments and objectives for review and consideration. For more information, call Janet Huber at ISA, (217) 355-9411 x259 or e-mail huber@isa-arbor.com.

Assembly Bill 142 Landscape Architect Bill requiring a license to engage in the practice of landscape architecture. Passed in assembly and referred to Committee on Labor. Public hearing held 10-29-09. Passed in senate 1-19-10. Approved by governor 2-11-10. Now Wisconsin Act 123.

TREE-äge™ The Environmental Protection Agency has classified TREE-äge™ as a Restricted Use pesticide (RUP). As of 1-1-10, it is illegal to distribute or use TREE-äge™ that has this expired special registration labeling in Wisconsin. The new label bears the identification number EPA Reg. No. 100-1309-74578.

HR 6426 The Moving Outdoors in Nature Act was introduced by Ron Kind (D-WI) in November 2010. The bill is designed to help states promote outdoor activities to fight childhood obesity. It will support state-based strategies that incorporate public health, parks and recreation, and other activities at the state level.

HR 144 Legislation to repeal the expanded 1099 reporting requirements was reintroduced 1-5-11 by Rep. Dan Lungren (R-CA-3.). The Small Business Paperwork Mandate Elimination Act (HR 144) already has 189 co-sponsors. A Senate version is to be introduced shortly. The 1099

expanded reporting requirements are included in the new health care law. The provisions would require all businesses to submit a 1099 tax form to the Internal Revenue Service for purchases of more than \$600 in goods or services in a year. The mandate is to take effect in 2012 if not repealed.

Pest Alert: Walnuts and Thousand Cankers Disease (TCD): Thousand cankers disease can spread by firewood, nursery stock and unfinished or untreated black walnut products. DATCP has enacted a temporary rule that will prevent potentially infected black walnut material from moving into Wisconsin from states known to be infected by TCD unless the items have been inspected by state or federal plant health officials. Thousand cankers disease is caused by the walnut twig beetle and a fungus carried by the beetle *Geosmithia morbida*. The beetles tunnel through the black walnut tree and spread the fungus. The tree develops numerous cankers or lesions under the bark, hence the name.

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