



Plant Managers Training Course

On Fire Safety & Equipment Maintenance

August 23, 2023
Caesars Palace
Las Vegas, NV

COURSE OVERVIEW

Fire Safety Best Management Practices

Speaker: Don Dugger, The Scotts Company (retired)

FIRE! From the moment you first build your inventory piles of mulch, compost or other organic materials, you can start the clock. You are now steadily moving toward a spontaneous combustion event!

The speed at which you move is determined by numerous factors such as wood species, particle size, organic content, wind, temperature, moisture content and more. Whether you actually arrive at that moment of combustion is significantly controlled by how well you implement proper site and inventory management practices.

If you don't follow proper Fire BMPs or if you have an external ignition source, i.e., equipment fire or lightning strike, the difference between a minor fire event and a corporate catastrophe is in how quickly you react to establish command and control, deploy your fire-fighting strategy, select proper personnel and equipment and procedures to extinguish the fire with minimum loss and **MAXIMUM PERSONNEL SAFETY!**

This unique training program will instruct participants on proper site and inventory management and procedures, personnel training, chain of command, equipment selection and deployment and fire-fighting techniques including reviews of actual events and what went right or wrong at each.

PLUS: 4 Key Equipment Maintenance Strategies to Sustain Lasting Improvements

*Speaker: Ted Dirkx, Manager, Vermeer
Recycling & Forestry Div.*

The pandemic showed how costly equipment failures are when supply chain issues delay parts and repairs for weeks or even months. With a primary season compressed onto the months of March - June when 60% of industry products ship, you cannot afford to have trucks redlined on the fence, grinders idle or other essential equipment red-tagged due to maintenance failures.

This course will look at 4 key maintenance strategies to use to prevent the traditionally unpredictable and highly risky "fail and fix" roll of the dice to create a profit sustaining "predict and prevent" environment for your plant maintenance program.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Every owner and plant manager of a mulch and/or soil production plant should attend this program.
- The MSC is presenting this special course on Fire Safety & Maintenance for new plant managers and anyone who wants to refresh their knowledge on these critically important issues.
- MSC members and non-members may participate



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Course Schedule & Content

8:00am - 8:45am Continental Breakfast
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8:45am - 9:00am Introductions & Welcome

9:00am - 10:30am Fire Safety Best Management Practices Part 1

Inventory Monitoring: Temperature Sampling, Smoke Detection, Pile Size, Distance Between Piles (Access), Weather. Site Issues: Prevailing Winds, Drainage, Water Supply, Equipment Access, Fire Equipment Access. Facility Issues: Fire Detection, Automatic/Manual Fire Suppression In Buildings, Ventilation, Volatile Dust Control, Flammable Chem & Supply Storage, Proper Extinguishers For Materials In Area, Daytime/Off-Hour/Holiday Firewatch BMPs

10:30am - 10:45am Break

10:45am - 12:15pm Fire Safety Best Management Practices Part 2

Fire Action Plan: Minor Incident Inventory Or Equipment, Significant Incident Inventory Or Equipment, Major Incident Inventory Or Equipment, Internal Information Flow, External Information Flow/Notifications. Fire Extinguishing Protocols: Equipment, Personnel, Procedures, Internal And External Resource Controller & Coordinator

12:30pm - 1:30pm Working Lunch
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1:45pm - 3:15pm Fire Safety Best Management Practices Part 3

Interactive reviews and critiques of actual fire event videos and what was done right or wrong and the outcome of such decisions.

3:15pm - 3:30pm Break

3:30pm - 5:00pm The Importance of Maintenance: Four Key Strategies to Sustain Lasting Improvements

For many mulch and soil operations maintenance is not always top of mind and often treated as an "as needed" business practice. Most have good intentions, but over time the weight of juggling a bustling business leads to an approach of fail and fix.

Ted will share four key strategies on how to justify the investment in maintenance, how to better prepare your team for success, how operational decisions influence it, and how you can tap into resources you didn't even know you had. The goal of this presentation is to challenge an operations approach of fail and fix and inspire a more proactive mindset of predict and prevent.

Instructor: Ted Dirks, Vermeer Corporation

Workshop Location

Our meeting will be held at Caesars Palace on the Las Vegas Strip.

Room Reservations

Caesars Palace is extending a special room rate of \$135 (+ taxes). ***Space is limited; so, you will be sent a reservation link upon confirmation of your registration.***

Deadlines

Registration for the workshop must be received at the MSC office by August 1, 2023. Space is limited and all registrations will be accepted on a space available basis only.

Workshop Registration:

\$349 Members

\$550 Non-members

Only advanced, prepaid registrations will be accepted

The registration fee covers:

- All Class Instruction
- Course Materials
- Breakfast, Lunch & Snacks
- Completion Certificate

Travel to the seminar, hotel accommodations and extra meals are not included in the registration fee.

Submit one registration form for EACH participant.

Plant Managers Training Course Registration Form August 23, 2023 / Las Vegas, NV



Name: _____

Company: _____

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