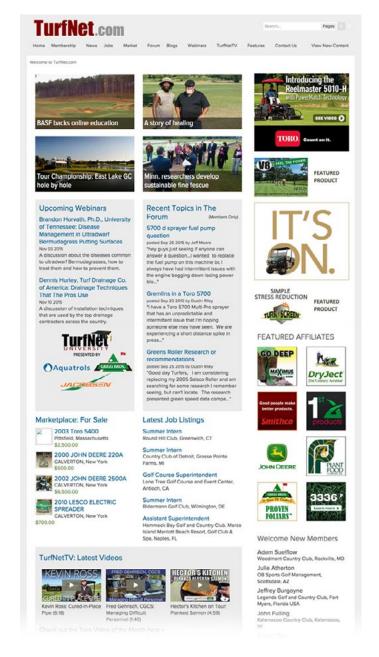
# Turfnet 2017 Media Kit

For twenty three years, TurfNet has been the turf industry's leading online community for golf course superintendents, assistants, equipment technicians, university turf specialists and industry representatives.

We are pleased to offer our broadest-ever selection of media opportunities to fit any program, need or budget.



Turnstile Media Group 1500 Park Center Dr. Orlando, FL 32835 Jon Kiger, Director of Media Sales tel: 770-395-9850 ikiger@turfnet.com



# TUTTNET AT A GLANCE

all digital since 2009... we don't do print!

### **OUR MISSION:**

- **EDUCATE**
- **INFORM**
- **INNOVATE**
- **CONTRIBUTE**
- **FACILITATE**
- **ENTERTAIN**
- **RECOGNIZE**
- **PROVIDE VALUE**
- HAVE FUN! and we do it!













### **TurfNet** SUPERINTENDENT

OF THE YEAR AWARD

RECOGNIZING THE BEST, SINCE 2000

THE TURF INDUSTRY'S ORIGINAL VIDEO CHANNEL TurfNet

THE ORIGINAL DOG CALENDAR, SINCE 2002

**BUY & SELL USED TURF EQUIPMENT** 

### **TurfNet** Members' Trips

Carreer, Mindfulness, Agronomy, Sustainability, GIS Coverage, Humor,

**TurfNet** Turf Blog Aggregator

**TUESDAY MORNING E-BLAST** 

#### **TurfNet** TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR **AWARD**

THE ORIGINAL TECH OF THE YEAR AWARD, SINCE 2008

### INVESTING IN DIGITAL MEDIA? ASK TO SEE THE METRICS!

Digital media takes the guesswork out of how your advertising investment performs. As the industry's leader in digital delivery, we put the "count" in accountability! We can drill down from site-wide to

campaign- and banner-specific metrics to provide you with ongoing progress reports on how your banners and campaigns are performing.

## TUTINGE BY THE NUMBERS

August 1, 2015 to July 31, 2016

User sessions: 126,344 avg/month **Page views: 544,927** avg/mo

**Unique users: 27,548** avg/month Pages/session: 4.31 avg

TurfNetTV videos: 521 to date **Visit duration: 3:20** minutes avg

Twitter followers: 11,000+ TurfNetTV views: 508,808 to date

**TurfNet University 25**/year

Webinars: 172 archived events

TurfNet RADIO 98 to date

podcasts: 54,566 total listens

Yep, that's over a half-million page views average, per month!

Upon request, we will set you up with a monthly DoubleClick report so you can actively monitor the performance of your banners.

With any of our banner positions, we encourage submitting multiple creatives to schedule as rotating with page views or to change out over time to always keep your message fresh and the click-thrus coming.



### | INFLUENTIAL SUPERINTENDENTS PAY \$ TO JOIN **TURFNET**

- Unparalleled guidance and advice from their peers on the TurfNet.com
   Forum to solve problems, avoid mistakes, share opinions and experiences and have a little fun! Experience... respect... trust...
- **Free used equipment listings**, both for sale and wanted which often pays for the service alone!
- **Free job listings** on TurfNet.com the "monster" of all industry job boards. Great results!
- **25+ TurfNet University webinars** per year and 100+ on-demand archives.
- **TurfNet Members Trips**: Opportunities to visit turf care facilities and play golf with other TN members.
- An invitation to our popular Beer & Pretzels Gala at GIS, where TurfNet members see old friends and put faces to the names they see in the Forum.

### AND NON-MEMBERS KEEP COMING BACK TOO!

- The industry's best job board and used equipment marketplace!
- TurfNetTV The original Turf TV channel and TurfNetRADIO podcasts
- **Hector's Shop** video series, **vlogs** from Randy Wilson and Kevin Ross
- Occasional free Webinars from TurfNet University sponsors
- Popular blogs by Dave Wilber, Randy Wilson, Dr. Frank Rossi, Paul MacCormack, Matt Leverich, Jim McLoughlin, Joe Fearn and Peter McCormick
- Industry news as it happens.
- 4 Free resumé and intern job postings

#### "

We had a sprayer that we were replacing this winter. Our dealer offered us \$3,500 to trade it in. I put it on TurfNet, listed it for \$6,000 and sold it in just under three hours. Well worth the cost to belong to TurfNet!

We also advertised for a 2nd Assistant Superintendent. We had more resumes than I have had in a long time. Hired a person who saw it on TurfNet and applied.

So what did all of this cost our club? You know the answer, well worth the cost of being a member. Just wanted to say thanks..."

Rick Tegtmeier, CGCS MG Des Moines Golf & Country Club





### YOUR COMPANY SHOULD BE A **TURFNET** AFFILIATE MEMBER

- You'll zero in on the most influential golf course superintendents typically the early adopters, the movers and shakers.
- Keep your thumb on the pulse of the industry by monitoring the TurfNet.
   com Forum... hear what superintendents are saying about your products
   and those of your competitors... and identify new product opportunities!
   We alert affiliate members when their products are being discussed on the
   Forum.
- Contribute your expertise and experience to the Forum discussions in a non-promotional manner. Foster relationships and create goodwill for your company.
- Provide one-on-one product support by responding to inquiries or complaints raised on the Forum, while quelling any misinformation, disinformation or rumor before it snowballs. While you may only solve one person's problem, hundreds of others are watching — and know that your company cares.
- Priority coverage of your new products.
- Have regional needs? We can geotarget your banner ads any way you'd like: north/south, state/province, zip/postal, or area code.

With a 23-year track record of exceeding expectations, TurfNet is the second-longest tenured media entity in the golf turf industry...

"

I have advertised through various media outlets and it has become clear to me: TurfNet is simply the best!

Best return on investment, best customer service, best personal attention, best superintendent interaction and best overall value. And it isn't even close!

Thank you TurfNet for all your support, effort and creativity on our behalf..."

Scott May TurfMax, LLC Erdenheim, PA



## BANNER POSITIONS

TurfNet.com offers standard IAB and custom ad positions throughout the site, all HTML5 enabled and trafficked through DoubleClick. Most positions are run as a shared rotation except where noted as "exclusive".

Promote your brand and product in front of prospective buyers with high frequency at very affordable rates — even for the most budget-conscious advertiser.

All banners and sponsorships are sold on a time-based bulk purchase (sponsorship) basis rather than CPM.

Creative may be updated or changed out at any time at no extra charge. Fresh creative ALWAYS boosts the click-thru rate!

Creative development services are available.

Featured Products are displayed in various positions throughout the site in addition to the main page.

TIER ONE 300x250px Scorecard

TIER TWO 300x250px Scorecard

FEATURED PRODUCTS

170x125px One included with basic \$1495 affiliate membership.

> WEBINAR SPONSOR LOGOS

FEATURED AFFILIATES 125x125px (included w/ Basic Affiliate Membership



## BANNERS (continued)

## Banner advertising on TurfNet.com:

- Repeat exposure for your brand
- High frequency keeps you in spotlight
- Annual terms make it simple and easy
- Flexibility Change out your creative as often as you choose
- Low cost Many annual programs cost less than a one- or two-month print program

BLOG and PODCAST SPONSOR

PROGRAM
SPONSOR
MATRIX
300x250px
Rotation included
with blog, podcast

and webinar

sponsorships

TIER 3
728 x 90px
Mostly runof-site except
pages specifically
sponsored.





## BANNER POSITION DETAILS

We traffic our banners through DoubleClick and encourage submission of DoubleClick or third party ad tags whenever possible. This enables you to change your creative at will, remotely.

All banners (except exclusive specialty banners like the page peel and pushdown) rotate randomly among a pool of a maximum of eight advertisers, and change with every page view. Animation is OK but no audio. Maximum file size is 1MB.

We accept multiple creatives to rotate concurrently, or schedule a seasonal rotation banners or to correspond with specific promotions (EOP, etc).

Where: Main page, top of right column; plus News and

**Employment pages** 

**Size:** 300x250

Cost: \$8500 per year/\$850 per month, time-based bulk

TIER 2 Where: Main page, middle of right column; plus News and Employment pages

Size: 300x250

Cost: \$7500 per year/\$750 per month, time-based bulk

TIER 3 Where: Footer, multiple pages Size: 728x90

Cost: \$6500 per year/\$650 per month, time-based bulk

Mini IPD (irrigation-driven pump, patent-pending anywhere you don't have power... for less than \$1000









### BANNER POSITION DETAILS

#### FEATURED AFFILIATE

A matrix of eight 125x125 ad squares. Included with affiliate membership, each affiliate member gets one rotation in random position. Can be logo or product-related.

Where: Main page, 8-position matrix, right sidebar -- plus smaller arrays on various pages throughout the site

Size/format: 125x125, jpg, gif, png

#### FEATURED PRODUCTS

**Where:** Main page, two positions: below Tier 1 and Tier 2. Also scattered throughout the site.

Size/format: 170x125, jpg, gif,

png

**Cost:** One included with basic \$1495 affiliate membership; additional \$500 each per year.

A very economical method of repetitive brand awareness or product promotion!





FEATURED PRODUCT

**FEATURED** 

PRODUCT

#### FEATURED AFFILIATES

















## EXPANDABLE BANNERS

### PAGE PEEL

Where: Main or Employment page(s), top left corner.

**Rotation:** No, always on, exclusive.

**Size:** 500x500 with 92x92 teaser content in top left corner

Image area: 460x460 and 92x92 diagonal anchored top

left. Template available.

**Cost:** \$600/week, \$2000 per month

### PUSHDOWN

The Pushdown banner, located on the main page below the menu, expands to push other content down the page

**Where:** Main or Employment page(s), under the menu, full width of content area.

**Rotation:** No, always on, exclusive.

**Size:** 1000x275 (up to 400px) at full expansion. Top 1000x80px contains teaser image content that expands upon click/tap.

**Cost:** \$800/week, \$2400 per month

**Limit:** Four months per year maximum per advertiser



Located in the top left corner of the main page and Employment section, the **Page Peel** utilizes a curled 100x100 teaser banner (or image area) which peels back upon mouse-over to reveal a diagonal 500x500 underlying banner. Always on, exclusive. No rotation.





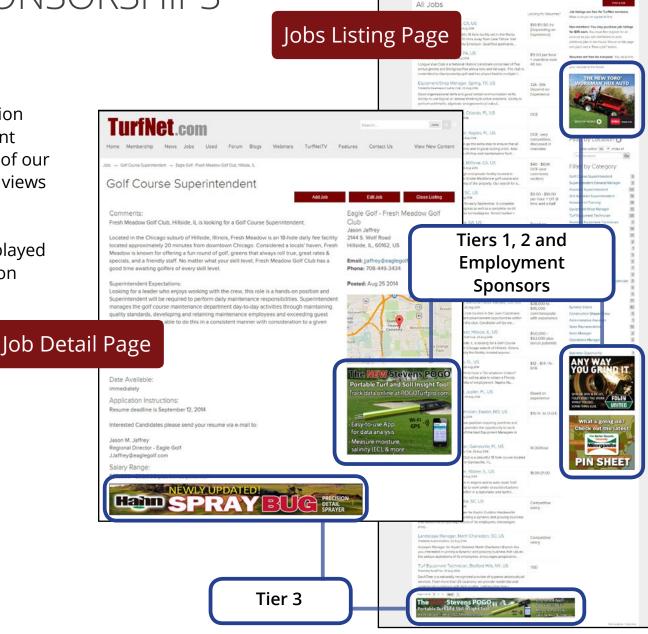
## SECTION SPONSORSHIPS

### **EMPLOYMENT**

The most highly-trafficked section of TurfNet.com, the employment listings account for nearly 50% of our site traffic... over 300,000 page views average per month.

Banners in this section are displayed on most pages within the section (search, results, post, etc.)

"...over 300,000 page views average per month."



TurfNet.com

## SECTION SPONSORSHIPS

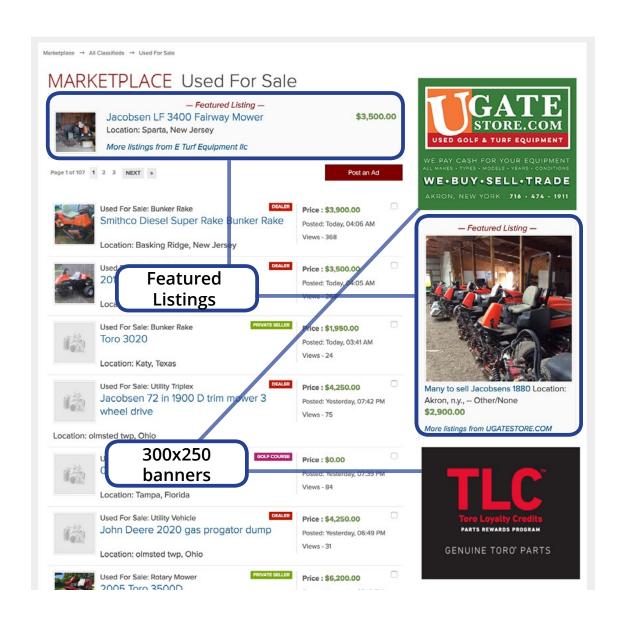
### USED EQUIPMENT

The Used Equipment section (for sale and wanted, plus a new section for parts) is perfect for purveyors of used goods, services or parts.

**Standard sponsorship** includes a 300x250 banner rotation among two positions. **\$3,000 per year** 

**Featured Advertisers** have their used equipment listings featured in rotation at the top and in the right sidebar on the listings page. **\$2,500 per year** 

Banner rotation: \$3,000 per year Featured Advertiser: \$2500 per year



## TUTINGTTV THE INDUSTRY'S ORIGINAL VIDEO CHANNEL

### Series Sponsorships

#### **TIPS & TRICKS**

TurfNet members helping each other by sharing tips and tricks for doing things easier... what could be better? Typically 30+ videos are posted in this category each year. Sponsor is displayed in a pre-roll splash screen on every video.

\$14,000 per year sole sponsor or \$7500/year co-sponsorship

#### **HECTOR'S SHOP**

Featuring Hector Velazquez, these 2x/month instructional videos range from shop makeovers to proper use of plastic welders and tire changers. Sponsor is displayed in a pre-roll splash screen on every video.

\$14,000 per year sole sponsor or \$7500/year co-sponsorship

#### ON COURSE WITH KEVIN ROSS

Featuring Kevin Ross, CGCS, superintendent at the Country Club of the Rockies in Vail, CO, topics of this semi-monthly video series include novel ways to work better, faster and smarter — while also challenging the status quo. Sponsor is displayed in a pre-roll splash screen or video on every video.

\$14,000 per year sole sponsor or \$7500/year co-sponsorship











### WEBINAR SERIES SPONSORSHIPS

**TurfNet University webinars** are 60 minute streaming video and audio presentations from notable university turf specialists, industry representatives and progressive superintendents.

Live events are free and open to everyone. The 100+ on demand archived events are a TurfNet members-only benefit.

Each webinar is heavily promoted via social media and TurfNet *This Week* e-blasts.

Sponsorship includes sponsor logos and banners on the main, schedule and archive pages, social media and weekly e- blasts.

Four presenting sponsorships are available at \$12,000 each for the year.







### PODCAST SERIES SPONSORSHIPS

**TurfNet RADIO** presents another unique opportunity to reach your customers! Every podcast sponsor gets a custom 30-second audio commercial, recognition during the show, logo under the excerpt on the main page of TurfNet.com and on all e-blasts and social media posts -- PLUS a 300x250 banner rotation in the **Program Sponsors** section on the right sidebar of the main page.

#### DR. FRANK ROSSI: FRANKLY SPEAKING

The 'effervescent and entertaining' Dr. Rossi, associate professor of turfgrass science at Cornell University and a past winner of the TOCA Environmental Communicator of the Year Award, pulls no punches as he challenges the status quo of turfgrass management — particularly regarding environmental sustainability. 24 podcasts each year. Three sponsorships available.



Jimmy Pierson @JPierson23 · Oct 16
@fsr3 I can't get enough of your podcast "Frankly Speaking" I've listened to all of them twice now. When will Steve McDonald be back on?!

#### THE RENOVATION REPORT

Hosted by Dave Wilber and Jon Kiger, The Renovation Report checks in with golf course architects, builders, superintendents, pundits and prognosticators who are involved in renovation projects. Each show is promoted heavily on social media.



Andy O'Haver @andyohaver · Aug 6
20min commute+3shifts=time to catch up on @turfnet radio. Turf Renovation is awesome! blogtalkradio.com/turfnet/2015/0... @jeff\_mingay @TurfgrassZealot





SPONSORS!

THE TurfNet RENOVATION REPORT



### PODCAST SERIES SPONSORSHIPS (continued)

#### DAVE WILBER: THE TURFGRASS ZEALOT PROJECT

Hosted by the Original Turfhead, **The Turfgrass Zealot Project** delves into all things concerned with life as a turfhead, except turfgrass itself (he leaves that to others and elsewhere). Guests have included an ex-NFL groundskeeper, extreme athlete-superintendents, a yoga instructor, and TurfNet members of various stripes.





#### THE LADDER

Introduced in 2016, **The Ladder** explores the aspirations, needs and desires of the Millenial/GenY folks climbing the career ladder, while also helping those at the top of the ladder better understand, motivate and manage the GenYers.

#### \$8,000 per year sole sponsor or \$7500/year co-sponsorship









## BLOG SPONSORSHIPS

#### RANDY WILSON: HERE AT THE 'ROCK VIDEOBLOG

TurfNet's popular humorist recently celebrated **Ten Years of Rockbottum**, poking fun, cajoling, taking potshots, prompting introspection and otherwise entertaining the golf/turf industry... all in good fun. Often edgy and provocative, usually somewhat irreverent, Randy Wilson is always entertaining.

#### \$14,000 per year sole sponsor or \$7500/year co-sponsorship



Terry Davio @terrydavio · Oct 22

So good! RT @turfnet: TurfNetTV: Lord Assfault (GCS Hater): Watch what happens when His Lordship meets Rockbottum. bit.ly/1GsMz3S

## PAUL MacCORMACK - THE MINDFUL SUPERINTENDENT

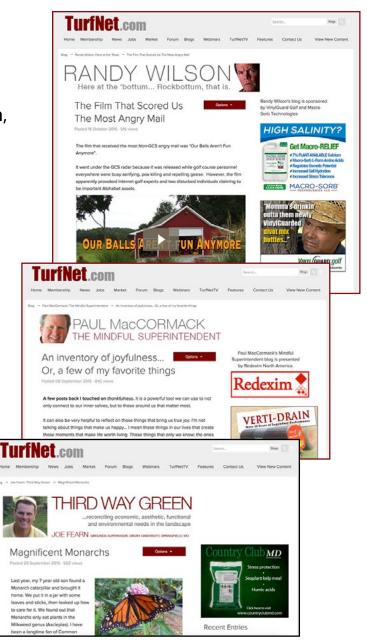
Our Canadian superintendent/club GM/ blogger writes about keeping one's sanity and priorities straight during the grind of the season... and beyond.

#### \$8,000 per year sole sponsor or \$4500/year co-sponsorship

#### JOE FEARN - THIRD WAY GREEN

Joe Fearn manages the grounds at Drury University in Springfield, Missouri. His writing is insightful with always a nod toward sustainability in everything we do.

\$8,000 per year sole sponsor or \$4500/year co-sponsorship





## BLOG SPONSORSHIPS (continued)

#### GREENKEEPING: THE NEXT GENERATION

For the sixth year, TurfNet has arranged for a student to intern at a private golf club in Ireland. The student blogs about his or her experiences, travels and knowledge gained. All blog posts are promoted via social media and on Friday morning e-blasts.

\$7,000 per year sole sponsor or \$4000/year co-sponsorship



### TURF BLOG AGGREGATOR E-BLAST

Our popular Tuesday morning **Turf Blog Aggregator** e-blast grabs 6-8 posts from TurfNet members' turf blogs and assembles them into one email. Each post is separated by a banner or banner-and-text advertisement.

Our mailing list approximates 11,000, with open rates averaging 18-22%.

Six banner slots are available in each TBA e-blast. Each advertiser has a 600x450px space allocated to use for banners and text. Rich media support is limited. Position is prioritized by total spend with us.

Positions are \$850 each per month, or \$8500/ year (50 issues).



November 3, 2015

-- ADVERTISEMENT --



Now get all the power, versatility, and reliability you expect from a Toro Workman with what you didn't expect, the industry's first heavy-duty vehicle with automatic transmission.

Watch the video >>



## AWARD SPONSORSHIPS

### SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR

Our flagship program, the TurfNet Superintendent of the Year Award is presented annually to one outstanding superintendent selected from among those nominated by club officials ourse owners, members, casual golfers, or staff members. Nomination are a cited on TurfNet.com and Golfweek.com.

Nominees are judges selected from a cross-section of dustry, including the sponsor.

The winner is announced at the sponsor's booth at GIS with coverage in our GIS blog. A video of the award and a profile of the winner are posted on TurfNet.com. The award includes a spot on the TurfNet Members' Trip for the winner and a guest.

Once again, sold to Syngenta for 2017.

### TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR

The **TurfNet Technician of the Year Award** is presented annually to a golf course equipment manager chosen from a panel of judges from a cross-section of the industry.

The winner receives the first ward (a real gold-plated wrench) at a luncheon held this treatub facility, and a weeklong training session at Toro's Service Training University at the company's headquarters in Bloomington, Minn.

Once again, sold to The Toro Company for 2017.







## EVENTsponsorships

### **GOLF INDUSTRY SHOW COVERAGE**

Each year our "roving reporters" roam the floor of the Golf Industry Show to search out the new and the improved products and services for our cow coverage blog. Laid out in a masonry (Pinterest state) to manar design, the blog is prominently feature to Toff Communing show week. The advertisers logo to be daily e-blasts from the show.

Our GIS blog continues to generate search engine traffic throughout the year.

One sponsorship is available at \$3000.

### **Turflet** MEMBERS' TRIP

Following four trips to Ireland, three to Bandon Dunes and one to the American Club in Kohler WI, TurfNet will return to Ireland in October, 2017 for five days of outstanding golf and camaraderie.

Three sponsorships are available at \$6900 each, which includes one spot on the trip for a company representative.





Five days of world-class golf & camaraderie —

Bandon Trails Bandon Dunes Old MacDonald Pacific Dunes The Preserve



## PRICING SUMMARY

#### BASIC AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP (base level required for advertising)

\$1,495/year

- 125x125 Featured Affiliate button rotation on main and selected other pages
- 170x125 Featured Product banner rotation

#### **BANNER POSITIONS**

<b>Tier One</b> Scorecard banner, 300x250, top right main page plus <b>news</b> and <b>employment</b> sections	\$8,500/year
Sections	
Tier Two Scorecard banner, 300x250, same as above except second position	\$7,500/year
Tier Three Leaderboard banner, 728x90, footer of main page, news and employment	\$6,500/year
Employment section (only) scorecard, all pages	\$4,500/year
Used Equipment section (only), scorecard, all pages	\$3,000/year
Featured Advertiser, Used Equipment section (features listed items)	\$2,500/year
Featured Product banner, 170x125, main and multiple interior pages	\$500/year each
age Peel (main page, top left corner, 500x500 with diagonal reveal upon hover; always on,	\$600/week
exclusive. Maximum of four months per year per advertiser. Maximum one month/creative.	\$2000/month
Pushdown (main page, below menubar, 1000x80 ribbon with expansion to 1000x250	\$800/week
	\$2400/month



## PRICING SUMMARY continued

#### **SPONSORSHIPS**

Superintendent of the Year Award	Sold for 2017	
Technician of the Year - Golden Wrench Award	Sold for 2017	
Superintendents' Best Friend Dog Calendar	Sold for 2017	
BLOGS, WEBINARS, VIDEO	Sole Sponsor*	Co-sponsor
Randy Wilson's Here at the 'Rock video blog	\$14,000/year	\$7,500/yr
Dr. Frank Rossi's Frankly Speaking TurfNetRADIO audio podcast series		\$9,000/yr (3)
Dave Wilber's The Turfgrass Zealot Project audio podcast series	\$14,000/year	\$7,500/yr
The TurfNet Renovation Report audio podcast series, hosted by Dave Wilber	\$14,000/year	\$7,500/yr
Paul MacCormack's The Mindful Superintendent blog	\$8,000/year	\$4,500/yr
Joe Fearn's <i>Third Way Green</i> blog	\$8,000/year	\$4,500/yr
Greenkeeping, the Next Generation - Interning in Ireland student intern blog	\$7,000/year	\$4,000/yr
TurfNet University Webinar series (4 sponsorships available)		\$12,000/yr (4)
TurfNetTV Tips & Tricks video series	\$14,000/year	\$8,000/yr
TurfNetTV Hector's Shop video series	\$14,000/year	\$8,000/yr
TurfNetTV On Course with Kevin Ross video series	\$14,000/year	\$8,000/yr

## SPECIAL PROJECTS, PROGRAMS & PROMOTIONS

**The beauty of digital media** is that creative implementation has few limitations. Have an idea for a special promotion, program or project? Survey? Product launch? Webinar series? We will work with you to develop a strategy to combine banners, video, webinars, audiocasts and e-blast promotions.





















## CREATIVE SPECIFICATIONS

#### STANDARD AND RICH MEDIA BANNERS

	300x250 Scorecard	720x90 Leaderboard	170x125 Featured Product	125x125 Featured Affiliate	600x450 Turf Blog Aggregator
Supported file types	.jpg, .gif. png HTML5 .swf		.jpg, .gif. png		
Expansion	OK	No	N	0	TBA advertisers are allocated a 600x450
Animation	OK		N	0	space which can be
Video	ОК		No		a single banner (up to 450px high) or a combination of banner and text below - total height with text not to exceed 450 px high
Max Video & Animation Frame Rate	24 fps video, 12 fps animation		n/a		
Max. Animation length Max no. of loops	30s 3 (within 30 secs)		n/a		
Audio Initiation	Must be user initiated (on click: mute/un-mute); default state is muted			n/a	
Expansion	Must be user-initiated, click-to-expand or rollover-to-expand.			n/a	
Flash/HTML5	Due to major browser limitations in supporting Flash it is highly recommended that HTML5 or image creatives are supplied instead.			n/a	

#### **SPECIALTY BANNERS**

	Pushdown 1000x275 up to 1000x400	Page Peel 500x500
Supported file types	.jpg, .gif. png	.jpg, .gif. png
Location	Main page, below the menu	Main page, top left corner
Content area (closed)	1000x80	92x92 bias anchored top left
Content area (expanded)	1000x250	460x460 bias anchored top left
Expansion on	Click/Tap	Hover/Tap

Questions? Contact Peter McCormick at peter.turfnet@gmail.com or 802-659-0120 for help with creative specs.

