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## 2024 Utah Green Conference & Trade Show January 22-24

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# First Annual UNLA Awards Banquet



## 2024 UNLA Awards Nomination form



Any questions contact Meeja Fortie [meeja@utahgreen.org](mailto:meeja@utahgreen.org)

Award winners will be notified by the UNLA in December 2023. All award winners will be recognized at our awards banquet on January 22 during the 2024 Utah Green Conference, as well as in the March 2024 Trunkline magazine, and promoted through the UNLA website and social media.



# Our 2024 **Utah Green Conference & Trade Show** is **GROWING!**



The UNLA would like to highlight new additions to get you excited about our 2024 Utah Green Conference.

Scan the QR Code to view all events.

## Attendee Event Hub

- The UNLA is going digital with our Attendee Event Hub. This is an app and website where attendees can connect on a digital platform. You can see floor plans, and exhibitor profiles, modify your sessions, and participate in challenges to win prizes.

## Exhibitor Product Demonstration Stage

- During Tuesday and Wednesday of our Trade Show, exhibitors will be showcasing products at our Demonstration Stage. You will be able to win points through the Attendee Event Hub Game Challenge Center by attending these demonstrations.

## **Tuesday, January 23, 2024**

### Utah Certified Nursery Professional (UCNP) Exam

- The UNLA is bringing back our UCNP Test and plant identification for 2024. The Test will be held on Tuesday, from 2-4 pm. For 2025, the UNLA is revamping the whole program and will have an updated test and manual specifically written for Utah.

### Women in the Green Luncheon

- Keynote Speaker: Kelsey Berg, Vice President of Government Relations, Larry H. Miller Company will be speaking on "Breaking Barriers & Blooming in any Field" from Noon – 1:30 pm. Sponsors are Progressive Plants and Proven Winners Choice.  
*\*Ticketed event with limited seating.*

## **Wednesday, January 24, 2024**

### Spanish Education Classes

- We are excited to introduce Spanish Education Courses at our 2024 Conference! On Wednesday, January 24, in Room 400, Jamie Bayona, certified IA instructor, will be teaching "Electrical Troubleshooting" from 8:30 – 10:20 am & "Basic Hydraulics" from 10:30 am – 12:20 pm. Lunch will be included in registration.

### Student Connections Program

- Students will be attending a panel discussion and our trade show on Wednesday, January 24th, as part of our student connections program. The UNLA is helping to prepare students for green industry careers.

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# 2024 Utah Green Industry Conference Schedule

Mountain America Expo Center  
9575 South State, Sandy, UT 84070

**Monday–Wednesday, Jan. 22,23,24, 2024**

## Monday, January 22, 2024

Updated 11/14/23 schedule is subject to change

Registration 7:00 am

CLASS TIME	TRACK, ROOM	CLASS TITLE	PRESENTER	CEU's
8:30 - 9:20 am	Arboriculture Track Eagle Room 300 AB	"Tree Selection: Common and Uncommon Factors"	Merrill Lebaron, Tree Guy - Tree Company	1 ISA, 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP
	Turf Track Eagle Room 300 CD	"Building and Improving Soil Health"	Dr. Grant Cardon - Professor, Utah State University Extension	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP
	Greenhouse/Garden Center Track Eagle Room 200 D	"Workers Compensation and What Everyone Needs to Know"	Braxton Anderson, Gallagher Company	1 DOPL-Core, 1 UCNP
	Design Track Eagle Room 200 C	"The Landscape Renovation of the Salt Lake Temple"	Jay Warnick - Grounds Manager, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP
	Landscape Track Eagle Room 200 B	"Adding Value to Your Landscape Using Hardscape Materials"	Chris Knuttgen & Bryon Young, Elite Hardscapes	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP
	Irrigation Track Eagle Room 200 A	"Irrigation 101: Hydraulics & Troubleshooting"	Brady Pitcher, Sprinkler Supply Co	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 IA, 1 UCNP
9:30 - 10:20 am	Arboriculture Track Eagle Room 300 AB	"The Approach for Project Outcomes and Application to UCFC Partnership Grant"	Scott Zeidler, Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands	1 ISA, 1 DOPL-Core, 1 UCNP
	Turf Track Eagle Room 300 CD	"Flip Your Strip Lawn Incentive Program"	Zac Roberts - Conservation Coordinator, Weber Basin Water Conservancy District	1 DOPL-Core, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
	Greenhouse/Garden Center Track Eagle Room 200 D	"Worker Protection Standard (WPS) for Greenhouses"	Aleisha Baker, UDAF	1 DOPL-Core, 1 UCNP
	Design Track Eagle Room 200 C	"Designing Based on Soil Analysis"	Dr. Grant Cardon - Professor, Utah State University Extension	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP
	Landscape Track Eagle Room 200 B	"Battery Technology Trends in the Industry and Best Practices"	Andy Linger, Coates Landscape Supply	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP
	Irrigation Track Eagle Room 200 A	"Irrigation 101: Winterizing Your System"	Jim Sutherland - Parks Foreman, Kaysville City	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
10:30 - 11:20 am	Arboriculture Track Eagle Room 300 AB	"Accounting for Tree Care"	Edward Morrow - ISA Certified Arborist, Edward the Arborist	1 ISA, 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP
	Turf Track Eagle Room 300 CD	"Benefits of Drip in a Turf Setting vs. Spray Heads"	Shelly Walker, GPH Irrigation	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
	Greenhouse/Garden Center Track Eagle Room 200 D	"Feed Your Social Media Roots: Engage, Educate, & Earn with Ease"	Regan Glover, Glover Nursery	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP
	Design Track Eagle Room 200 C	"Maintaining Water Efficient Landscapes"	Zac Roberts - Conservation Coordinator, Weber Basin Water Conservancy District	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
	Landscape Track Eagle Room 200 B	"The Benefits of Outdoor Lighting"	Shawn Knudson, FX Lighting	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP
	Irrigation Track Eagle Room 200 A	"Irrigation 101: Controller Scheduling"	Dave Chandler & Jeff Stoddart, Mountainland Supply Company	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
11:20 - 12:30 pm	LUNCH			

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12:30 - 1:20 pm	Arboriculture Track Eagle Room 300 AB	"Consulting for Tree Care Industry"	Edward Morrow - ISA Certified Arborist, Edward the Arborist	1 ISA, 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP
	Turf Track Eagle Room 300 CD	"Identification and Control of Turf Feeding Insects"	Bryce Wilson & Jeff Randall, SiteOne Landscape Supply	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 Pest-USE, 1 UCNP
	Greenhouse/ Garden Center Track Eagle Room 200 D	"Innovations to Pesticide Use in Plant Production and Sales"	Kim Clark, Lambert Growers	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 Pest-USE, 1 UCNP
	Design Track Eagle Room 200 C	"Creating Landscape Designs with Drought Tolerant Plants"	Ross Shrigley - Executive Director, Plant Select	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP
	Landscape Track Eagle Room 200 B	"Possibilities for Artificial Turf in Utah"	Cob Street - Territory Manager, FieldTurf	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP
	Irrigation Track Eagle Room 200 A	"Irrigation 101: Wiring Issues"	Dustin Quarnberg, Ewing Irrigation	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
1:30 - 2:20 pm	Arboriculture Track Eagle Room 300 AB	"Using Tree & Plant Growth Regulator in Landscape"	Joe Boffa - Territory Manager, Rainbow Ecoscience	1 ISA, 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 Pest-USE, 1 UCNP
	Turf Track Eagle Room 300 CD	"How to Protect Existing Trees During Turf Removal"	Dennis Swartzell, Horticulture Consulting Inc	1 ISA, 1-DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP
	Greenhouse/ Garden Center Track Eagle Room 200 D	"What Factors to Monitoring in Greenhouse Production and How"	Dr. Shital Poudyal, Utah State University	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP
	Design Track Eagle Room 200 C	"Creating and Maintaining Rain Gardens"	Kevin Jensen, Red Butte Gardens	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP
	Landscape Track Eagle Room 200 B	"Improving Communications Between Landscape Architects and Contractors"	Mat Winward & Joesph Wing, G Brown Design	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP
	Irrigation Track Eagle Room 200 A	"Irrigation 101: Proper Use of Glue & Primer"	Clay Smith, G & S Sales	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
2:30 - 3:20 pm	Arboriculture Track Eagle Room 300 AB	"Cultivating Innovation in the Tree Industry"	Dr. Paul Putman, TreeFund	1 ISA, 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP
	Turf Track Eagle Room 300 CD	"Turf Grass Pests: Biology and Management"	Alexander Knudson, Utah State University	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 Pest-USE, 1 UCNP
	Greenhouse/ Garden Center Track Eagle Room 200 D	"Best Plants To Use When Watering With Secondary Water"	Todd Schwieder, Glover Nursery	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
	Design Track Eagle Room 200 C	"Creating Rooftop Gardens"	Charissa Wagner, Intermountain Roofscape Supply	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP
	Landscape Track Eagle Room 200 B	"Past, Present, and Future of Outdoor Playgrounds and Fitness"	Morgan Selph, PlaySpace Designs Inc	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP
	Irrigation Track Eagle Room 200 A	"Irrigation 101: The Top Eight Mistakes Made with Drip Irrigation"	Shelly Walker, GPH Irrigation	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
3:30 - 4:20 pm	Arboriculture Track Eagle Room 300 AB	"Tree Hazard Assessment"	Dennis Swartzell, Horticulture Consulting Inc	1 ISA, 1 DOPL-Core, 1 UCNP
	Turf Track Eagle Room 300 CD	"Functioning Turf Grass Seed & Water Savings"	Dr. Kelly Kopp, Utah State University	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
	Greenhouse/ Garden Center Track Eagle Room 200 D	"The Construction & Maintenance of Greenhouses"	Matt Arrington & Nathan Grooms, Brigham Young University	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP
	Design Track Eagle Room 200 C	"Trees for Northern Utah Landscapes"	Jaydee Gunnell - Professor, Utah State University Extension	1 ISA, 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP
	Landscape Track Eagle Room 200 B	"Business Taxes for Payroll & Labor-Related Issues"	Elise Faucette, CPA-Senior Associate	1 DOPL-Core, 1 UCNP
	Irrigation Track Eagle Room 200 A	"Irrigation 101: New Technologies"	Travis McBride, Silver Creek Supply	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
4:30 - 6:30 pm	<b>UNLA AWARDS RECEPTION (ticketed event)</b>			

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8:30 - 9:20 am	Arboriculture Track Eagle Room 300 AB	"Panel Discussion Part 1"	Angel Lopez, Britt Bingham, Jason Laws, Matt Erkelens, Max Darrington	1 ISA, 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP
	Turf Track Eagle Room 300 CD	"Sprayer Drift & Calibration Part 1"	Corey Ransom, Utah State University Extension	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 Pest-USE, 1 UCNP
	Greenhouse/ Garden Center Track Eagle Room 200 D	"IPM in the Retail Garden Center"	Erica Schoenefeld, Glover Nursery	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 Pest-USE, 1 UCNP
	Design Track Eagle Room 200 C	"Trends in Worldwide Sustainable Landscape Design & Lessons Learned"	Kevin Shields - Sr. Landscape Architect, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP
	Landscape Track Eagle Room 200 B	"Introduction to Swimming Pools and Spas Part 1"	Ken Walizer & Don Pajarito, Jandy Pools	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP
	Irrigation Track Eagle Room 200 A	"Backflow Installation Part 1" DOPL Backflow S330 CEU offered	Greg Hand, Backflow Training Services	1 DOPL-Core (S330 & 5501), 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
9:30 - 10:20 am	Arboriculture Track Eagle Room 300 AB	"Panel Discussion Part 2"	Angel Lopez, Britt Bingham, Jason Laws, Matt Erkelens, Max Darrington	1 ISA, 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP
	Turf Track Eagle Room 300 CD	"Sprayer Drift & Calibration Part 2"	Corey Ransom, Utah State University Extension	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 Pest-USE, 1 UCNP
	Greenhouse/ Garden Center Track Eagle Room 200 D	"Use of Beneficials in Production & Sales"	Elaine Sawyer - Technical Sales, Sound Horticulture	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 Pest-USE, 1 UCNP
	Design Track Eagle Room 200 C	"The Nexus of Public Water Policy, Landscape Design, and Client Education"	Dr. Joanna Endter-Wada - Professor & Program Director, Utah State University	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
	Landscape Track Eagle Room 200 B	"Introduction to Swimming Pools and Spas Part 2"	Ken Walizer & Don Pajarito, Jandy Pools	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UNCP
	Irrigation Track Eagle Room 200 A	"Backflow Installation Part 2" DOPL Backflow S330 CEU offered	Greg Hand, Backflow Training Services	1 DOPL-Core (S330 & 5501), 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Eagle Room 300 ABCD	"How to Get Along with Difficult People; Human Behavior and Communication"	Keynote Speaker: Michelle Porcelli	1 ISA, 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP
12:00 - 1:30 pm	Women in the Green Industry Lunch (ticketed event) Room 400 Speaker: Kelsey Berg - Vice President of Government Relations, Larry H. Miller Company			
Noon to 5 pm	TRADE SHOW OPENS			

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8:30 - 9:20 am	Arboriculture Track, Trade Show Floor Education Classroom	"Chainsaw Safety and Tree Teardown"	Preston Colver, Goodfellers Chainsaw	1 ISA, 1 DOPL-Core, 1 UCNP
	Turf Track Eagle Room 300 CD	"Tips & Tricks on Turf Maintenance"	Shane Richards, Utah State University/PGMS	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP
	Greenhouse/ Garden Center Track Eagle Room 200 D	"Migrant Seasonal Worker Processes and What To Know"	Tony Granados - Utah State Monitor Advocate, Department of Workforce Services	1 DOPL-Core, 1 UCNP
	Design Track Eagle Room 200 C	"Design Software Products: Client Presentations & Deliverables"	Savana Craven, Northland Design Group	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP
	Landscape Track Eagle Room 200 B	"Laws & Legislation Regarding Gas-Powered Equipment"	Ryan Bares - Environmental Scientist, Utah Division of Air Quality	1 DOPL-Core (EC), 1 UCNP
	Irrigation Track Eagle Room 200 A	"Certifications and Licenses to Improve Marketability"	Keith Schwieger, Calsense	1 DOPL-Core (EC), 1 UCNP
8:30 - 10:20 am	Spanish Education Courses (for Spanish speakers) Room 400	"Electrical Troubleshooting"	Jaime Bayona, Ewing Irrigation	2 DOPL-Pro, 2 IA, 2 UCNP
9:30 - 10:20 am	Arboriculture Track Trade Show Floor Education Classroom	"Roping and Rigging Demonstration"	David Thunnel, Total Tree Care, Matt Erklens, Murray City	1 ISA, 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP
	Turf Track Eagle Room 300 CD	"Pesticide Law"	Henry Nahalewski, UDAF	1 DOPL-Core, 1 Pest-LAW, 1 UCNP
	Greenhouse/ Garden Center Track Eagle Room 200 D	"Water Quality Problems + Solutions: Injectors & Chemicals"	Justin Hamula, Confluence Products	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
	Design Track Eagle Room 200 C	"Waterwise Gardening: Techniques, Considerations, and Plant Selection"	Guy Banner - Horticulturist, Red Butte Gardens	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
	Landscape Track Eagle Room 200 B	"More than Feather Reed Grass: Evaluating our Ornamental Grass Design Options"	Bridger Varga - Grounds Director, Wasatch Academy	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP
	Irrigation Track Eagle Room 200 A	"Water District Rebate"	Josh Zimmerman - Conservation Coordinator, Water Resources	1 DOPL-Core, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
10:30 - 11:20 am	Arboriculture Track Trade Show Floor Education Classroom	"Climbing Gear"	David Thunnel, Total Tree Care, Matt Erklens, Murray City	1 ISA, 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP
	Turf Track Eagle Room 300 CD	"Pesticide Safety"	Dr. Michael Wierda, Utah State University Extension	1 DOPL-Core, 1 Pest-SAFETY, 1 UCNP
	Greenhouse/ Garden Center Track Eagle Room 300 CD *Combine with Turf Track	"Pesticide Safety"	Dr. Michael Wierda, Utah State University Extension	1 DOPL-Core, 1 Pest-SAFETY, 1 UCNP
	Design Track Eagle Room 200 C	"Planting is Changing"	Sandy Vernon, PKJ Design Group	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP
	Landscape Track Eagle Room 200 B	"Occupational Safety & Health Updates"	Jerry Parkstone, Utah OSHA	1 DOPL-Core, 1 UNCP
	Irrigation Track Eagle Room 200 A	"Maintaining Conservation Momentum: Is the Drought Over?"	David Rice, Weber Basin Water Conservancy District	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
10:30 am - 12:20 pm	Spanish Education Courses (for Spanish speakers) Room 400	"Basic Hydraulics"	Jaime Bayona, Ewing Irrigation	2 DOPL-Pro, 2 IA, 2 UCNP
10:00 am to 2:00 pm	TRADE SHOW OPENS			

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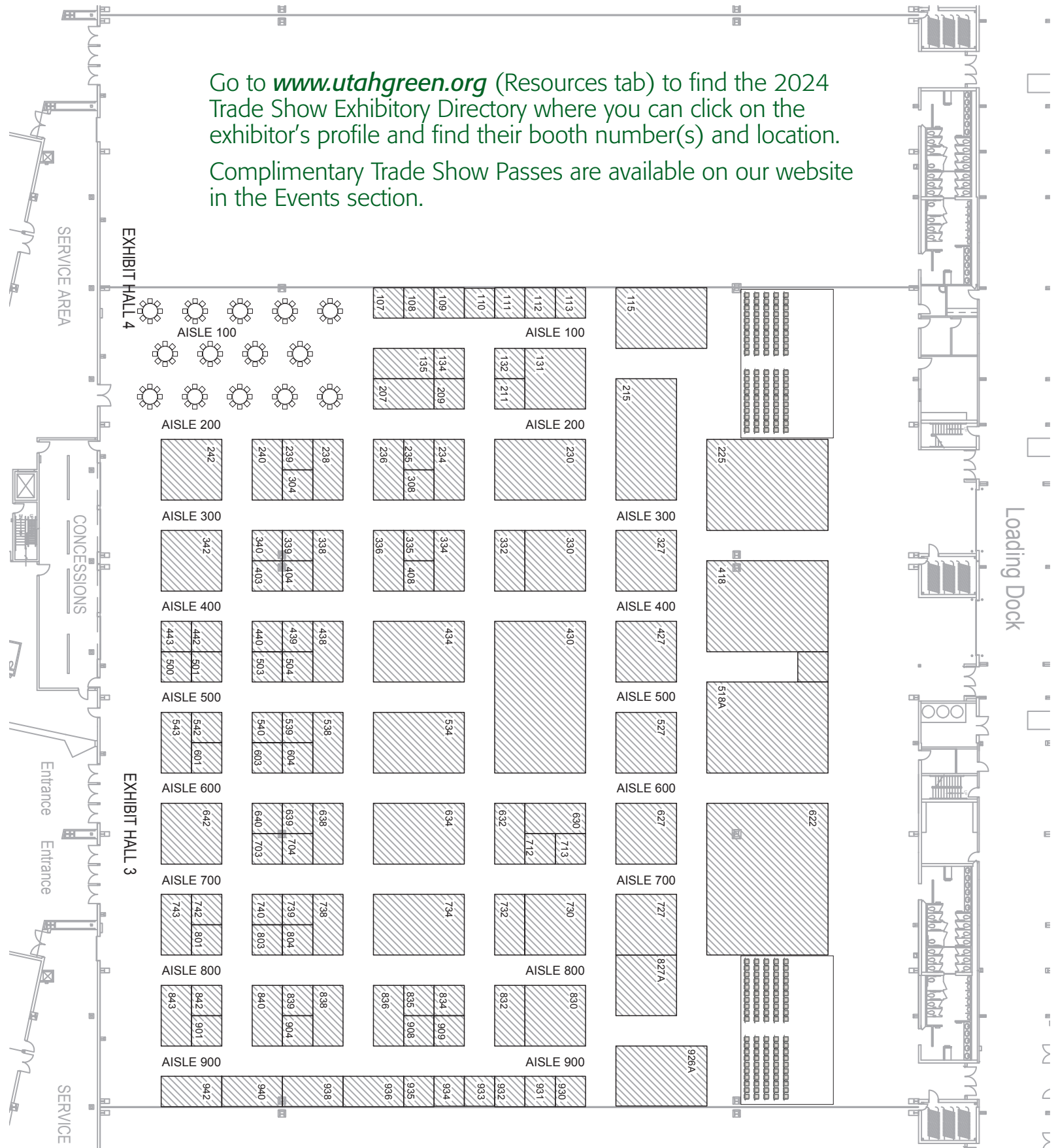
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# Limelight Prime® *Hydrangea paniculata*

'Limelight' hydrangea is a landscape staple, as is its dwarf version, Little Lime®. But there's a new "limey" hydrangea that fits nicely into the collection: Limelight Prime®.

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That more compact growth and better color results in a more desirable plant for retail sales as well as landscape projects.

Like all *Hydrangea paniculata*, the flower color Limelight Prime® is not affected by soil pH. It's more tolerant of dry conditions and alkaline soils than *H.*

*macrophylla* although it will want regular water to look its best. Hydrangeas inspire plenty of questions from both consumers and professionals so Proven Winners® ColorChoice® has a handy reference chart to share with employees and customers:

[https://springmeadownursery.com/files/resource\\_files/Hydrangeas\\_Demystified\\_8.5\\_x\\_14\\_.pdf](https://springmeadownursery.com/files/resource_files/Hydrangeas_Demystified_8.5_x_14_.pdf)

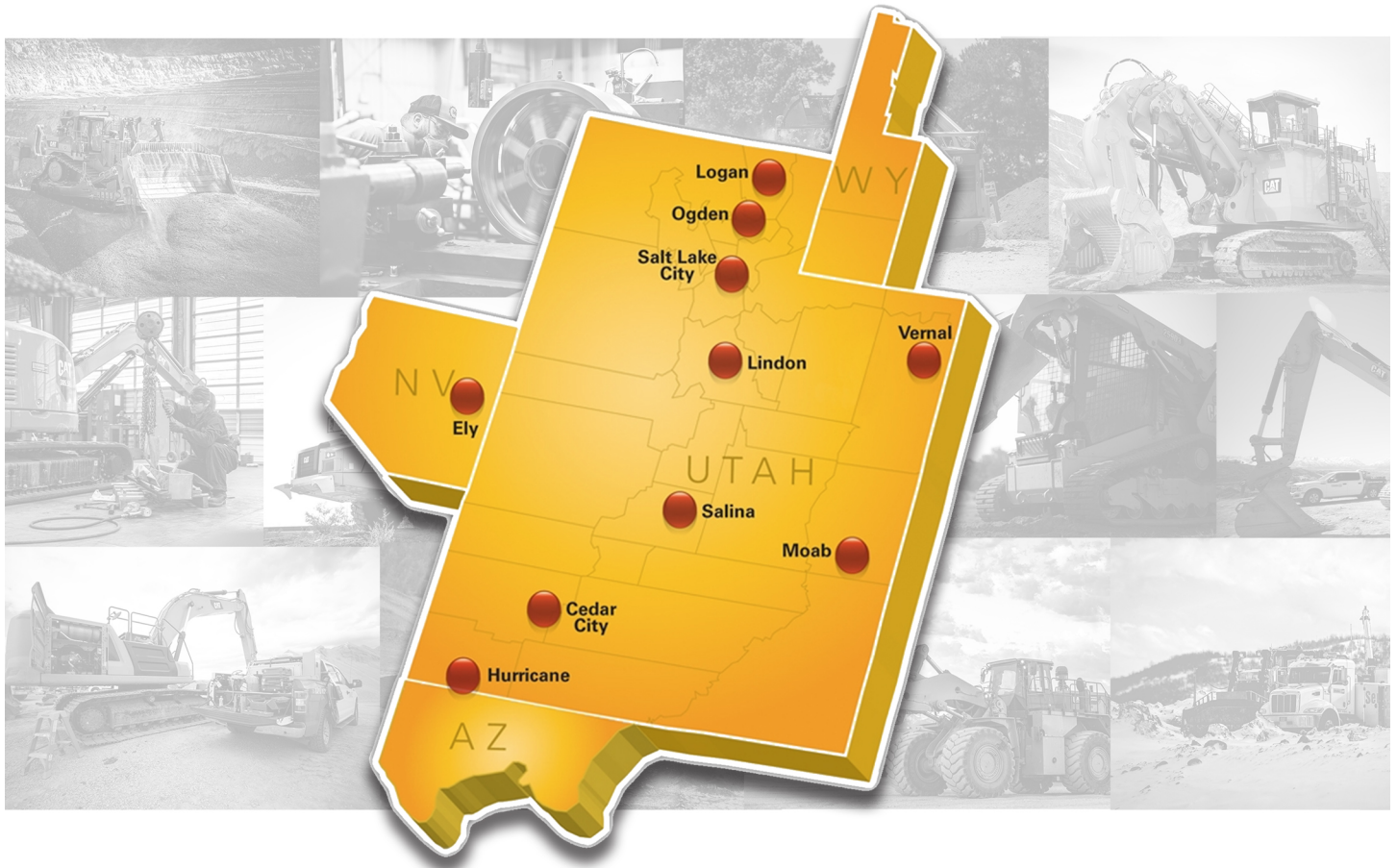
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## **January 2024**

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23 Tuesday, **Women in the Green Luncheon**

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## **April**

24-26 **JVWCD QWEL Seminar & Test**

## **June**

24-26 **Weber Basin Water Conservancy District  
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