



# 2025 Utah Green Industry Conference Schedule

Mountain America Expo Center  
9575 South State, Sandy, UT 84070  
**Monday–Wednesday, January 6,7,8, 2025**



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**CONFERENCE  
REGISTRATION**

Schedule as of 10/25/24, subject to change without notice. You are responsible for obtaining proof of attendance for CEUs at all sessions!

## Monday, January 6, 2025

TIME	ROOM	CLASS TITLE	PRESENTER	CEU'S
<b>REGISTRATION 7:00 am</b>				
8:30 – 9:20 am	<b>Turf Track</b> Eagle Room 300 AB	“Identifying And Treating Turf Feeding Insects”	Bryce Wilson, SiteOne Landscape Supply	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 Pest-USE, 1 UCNP
	<b>Arboriculture Track</b> Eagle Room 300 CD	“Proper Tree Planting”	Daniel Allen, Supertrees	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP
	<b>Greenhouse/Garden Center Track</b> Eagle Room 200 D	“Production of Bulbs for the Garden Center”	Phillip Laagland, ADR Bulbs	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP
	<b>Design Track</b> Eagle Room 200 C	“Landscapes That Heal: Exploring Our Relationship with Landscape”	Jake Powell, USU	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP
	<b>Landscape Track</b> Eagle Room 200 B	“Artificial Turf & Golf Greens”	Derek Spencer, Southwest Greens SLC	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP
	<b>Irrigation Track</b> Eagle Room 200 A	“Water Quality & Filtration”	Kevin Evans, Amiad	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
9:30 – 10:20 am	<b>Turf Track</b> Eagle Room 300 AB	“Hybrid Bermudagrass: Surviving the Cold and Little Water”	Dr. Bryan Hopkins, Brigham Young University	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
	<b>Arboriculture Track</b> Eagle Room 300 CD	“Growing City Trees to Last a Lifetime”	Miles Becker, USU Extension	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP
	<b>Greenhouse/Garden Center Track</b> Eagle Room 200 D	“Water-Wise Perennials”	Bradley Christensen, Deseret Nursery	1 DOPL-Pro, .50 IA, 1 UCNP
	<b>Design Track</b> Eagle Room 200 C	“Creating Low-water Landscape Designs”	Jake Powell, USU	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
	<b>Landscape Track</b> Eagle Room 200 B	“Utah Nursery & Quarantine Program Updates and Changes”	Mark Hillier, UDAF	1 DOPL- CORE, 1 Pest- LAW, 1 UCNP
	<b>Irrigation Track</b> Eagle Room 200 A	“Hydraulics 101”	Dave Chandler, Mountainland Supply	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
10:30 – 11:20 am	<b>Turf Track</b> Eagle Room 300 AB	“Field Renovations: Root Zone Construction & Grow In”	Dustin Pixton, Brigham Young University	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP
	<b>Arboriculture Track</b> Eagle Room 300 CD	“Electrical Hazard & Awareness”	Phillip Kelly, Rowen Tree Training	DOPL-CORE, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP
	<b>Greenhouse/Garden Center Track</b> Eagle Room 200 D	“Pesticide and the Law-Product Drifting”	Henry Nahalewski, UDAF	1 DOPL-CORE, 1 ISA, 1 Pest-LAW, 1 UCNP
	<b>Design Track</b> Eagle Room 200 C	“Restoration of the Bear River Massacre Site”	Brad Parry, Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP
	<b>Landscape Track</b> Eagle Room 200 B	“Battery Powered Equipment & Safety”	Matt Wilkinson & Katie Wilkinson, Wilkinson Supply	1 DOPL-CORE, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP
	<b>Irrigation Track</b> Eagle Room 200 A	“Two Wire Troubleshooting”	Chris Rigby & Tiffany Haveron, Rain Bird Corp.	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
<b>LUNCH 11:20 am – 12:30 pm</b>				

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TIME	ROOM	CLASS TITLE	PRESENTER	CEU'S
12:30 – 1:20 pm	<b>Turf Track</b> Eagle Room 300 AB	“Getting To A New Dimension-Better Use Of Chemicals & Labor”	Lorenzo Lopez, Tiny Mobile Robots	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 Pest-USE, 1 UCNP
	<b>Arboriculture Track</b> Eagle Room 300 CD	“Leadership in Arboriculture”	Phillip Kelly, Rowen Tree Training	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP
	<b>Greenhouse/Garden Center Track</b> Eagle Room 200 D	“Use of Biologicals in the Greenhouse /Garden Center”	Allison Kutz, Sound Horticuture	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 Pest-USE, 1 UCNP
	<b>Design Track</b> Eagle Room 200 C	“Native & Adapted Plants and Where to Find Them”	Janet Simonich, Progressive Plants	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP
	<b>Landscape Track</b> Eagle Room 200 B	“Estimating & Bidding”	Craig Aston, A & D Landscaping	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 ISA, .25 IA, 1 UCNP
	<b>Irrigation Track</b> Eagle Room 200 A	“Basic Drip: In-line vs Point Source”	Dan Candland, Netafim	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
1:30 – 2:20 pm	<b>Turf Track</b> Eagle Room 300 AB	“Seed to Sod Farm Management & Water Management”	Spencer Mendenhall, Raft River Sod	1 DOPL-Pro, .25 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
	<b>Arboriculture Track</b> Eagle Room 300 CD	“Changing Technologies Advancing Arboriculture”	Anne Fenker, Davey Resource Group	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP
	<b>Greenhouse/Garden Center Track</b> Eagle Room 200 D	“Anti-Discrimination in the Workplace”	Shayla Slaymaker, Utah Antidiscrimination & Labor Division	1 DOPL-CORE, 1 ISA, .25 IA, 1 UCNP
	<b>Design Track</b> Eagle Room 200 C	“Native Reclamation and Managing Client Expectations”	Darrell Roundy, Summit Seed	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP
	<b>Landscape Track</b> Eagle Room 200 B	“Creating an Innovative & Forward-Thinking Company Culture”	Adam Frederico, Frederico Outdoor Living	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP
	<b>Irrigation Track</b> Eagle Room 200 A	“Protecting Plant Health With Smart Irrigation”	Andy Belingeri, ET Water	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
2:30 – 3:20 pm	<b>Turf Track</b> Eagle Room 300 AB	“Moisture Management-World Of Wetting Agents”	Andrew Wilhelm, Helena-Agri	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
	<b>Arboriculture Track</b> Eagle Room 300 CD	“Tree Retention”	TBA	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP
	<b>Greenhouse/Garden Center Track</b> Eagle Room 200 D	“Surviving Fire in the Greenhouse”	Mark Clayton, Butterfield Gardens II Inc.	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP
	<b>Design Track</b> Eagle Room 200 C	“Managing Established Stands of Native and Ornamental Grasses”	Bridger Varga, Wasatch Academy	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP
	<b>Landscape Track</b> Eagle Room 200 B	“Rethinking Landscapes: Where Do We Go From Here?”	Cynthia Bee, Utah Waterways	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
	<b>Irrigation Track</b> Eagle Room 200 A	“No wires, no worries: New Tech allowing zone valves to be operated wirelessly”	Ryan Bushman, Hunter Industries	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
3:30 – 4:20 pm	<b>Turf Track</b> Eagle Room 300 AB	Pesticides 101	Rob Garcia, Silvercreek Supply	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 Pest-USE, 1 UCNP
	<b>Arboriculture Track</b> Eagle Room 300 CD	“Tree Pruning 101: An Interpretation of the Best Management Practices for Tree Pruning”	Charlie Perington, Red Butte Garden	1 DOPL- CORE, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP
	<b>Greenhouse/Garden Center Track</b> Eagle Room 200 D	“Deer Resistant Plants for Salt Lake Landscapes”	Paul Mulder, Glover Nursery	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP
	<b>Design Track</b> Eagle Room 200 C	“Small Space Landscaping: Trees, Irrigation, and More”	Chelsea Hartshorn, Threadleaf Landscape Design	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, .50 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
	<b>Landscape Track</b> Eagle Room 200 B	“Maximizing Performance: Strategies for Optimizing Your Team”	Mark Bradley, Landscape Management Network	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, .25 IA, 1 UCNP
	<b>Irrigation Track</b> Eagle Room 200 A	“Proper Pump Selection & Troubleshooting”	Alex Urquhart, Flint & Walling Pumps	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP

**UNLA Awards Reception 4:30 – 5:30 pm, Room 400 (ticketed event)**

## Tuesday, January 7, 2025

TIME	ROOM	CLASS TITLE	PRESENTER	CEU'S
<b>REGISTRATION 7:30 am</b>				
8:30 – 9:20 am	<b>Turf Track</b> Eagle Room 300 AB	“Use Of Synthetic Turf In Sports Fields”	Trevor Nicotera, University of Utah	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP
	<b>Arbiculture Track</b> Eagle Room 300 CD	Facing problems with Xeriscape Tree Success/ Failure Stories	Panel Discussion	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, .50 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
	<b>Greenhouse/Garden Center Track</b> Eagle Room 200 D	“Panel Discussion: Success in the Greenhouse Garden Center”	Ryan Glover, Glover Nursery Scott Engh, Sun River Gardens	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP
	<b>Design Track</b> Room 400	“Translating the Wild: Translating the Wild into Designed Landscapes”	Thomas Rainer, Phyto Studio LLC	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP
	<b>Landscape Track</b> Eagle Room 200 C	“Landscape Construction S330”	Allyson Pettley, DOPL Licensing Administrator	1 DOPL-CORE , 1 ISA, 1 UCNP
	<b>Irrigation Track</b> Eagle Room 200 AB	“Valve & System Troubleshooting”	Jeffrey Knight, JK Consulting & Design	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
9:30 – 10:20 am	<b>Turf Track</b> Eagle Room 300 AB	“New Trends In Turf Care Equipment”	Matt Anderson, The Toro Company	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP
	<b>Arbiculture Track</b> Eagle Room 300 CD	“Pests, What Makes them Tick and What Ticks us off?”	Panel Discussion	1 DOPL, Pro, 1 Pest-USE, 1 UCNP
	<b>Greenhouse/Garden Center Track</b> Eagle Room 200 D	“Pesticide Safety”	Dr. Michael R. Wierda, USU Extension	1 DOPL-CORE, 1 ISA, 1 Pest-Safety, 1 UCNP
	<b>Design Track</b> Room 400	“Firewise Landscaping”	Cherie Wellmon, Fire Marshal Park City Municipal Corporation	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP
	<b>Landscape Track</b> Eagle Room 200 C	“Truck & Trailer Safety”	AJ Ferguson, Utah Farm Bureau Federation	1 DOPL-CORE, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP
	<b>Irrigation Track</b> Eagle Room 200 AB	“Electrical Troubleshooting”	Jeffrey Knight, JK Consulting & Design	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
10:30 am-12:00 pm	Eagle Room 300 ABCD Overflow Seating Room 400	“Plant Systems Revolution: Creating Adaptive Plantings”	<b>KEYNOTE SPEAKER</b> Thomas Rainer, Phyto Studio LLC	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 UCNP, 1 ISA
12:00 – 12:50 pm	<b>Spanish Education Classes</b> Room 400	“Conceptos basicos de riego” “Basics of Irrigation”	Daniel Porter, Rain Bird	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
1:00 – 2:00 pm	<b>Trade Show Floor Classroom</b> (Hall 5)	“Smart Irrigation controller Installation and available rebates” - Live demonstration	Dr. Shital Pouydal	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
1:00 – 1:50 pm	<b>Spanish Education Classes</b> Room 400	“Seguridad del equipo” “Equipment Safety”	Kendall Smith, Ariens Co.	1 DOPL-CORE, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP
2:00 – 2:50 pm	<b>Spanish Education Classes</b> Room 400	“Comprension de los sistemas de dos cable” “Understanding Two-Wire Systems”	Daniel Porter, Rain Bird	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
<b>Trade Show Opens Noon to 4:30 pm</b>				

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The UNLA is pleased to announce our Keynote Speaker:

**Thomas Rainer, Phyto Studio LLC**

“Plant Systems Revolution: Creating Adaptive Plantings”

## Wednesday, January 8, 2025

TIME	ROOM	CLASS TITLE	PRESENTER	CEU'S
<b>REGISTRATION 8:00 am</b>				
8:30 – 9:20 am	<b>Turf Track</b> Eagle Room 300 AB	“Regulations, Laws And Updates Within The Industry”	Henry Nahalewski, UDAF	1 DOPL-CORE, 1 ISA, 1 Pest-LAW, 1 UCNP
	<b>Arboriculture Track</b> Eagle Room 300 CD	“What is up with our browning conifers? Diagnosing Abiotic and Biotic Pest Problems”	Mair Murray, USU Extension	1 DOPL-CORE, 1 Pest-USE, 1 UCNP
	<b>Greenhouse/Garden Center Track</b> Eagle Room 200 C	“How to choose the right paver for your job”	Drey LaCroix, Outdoor Living Supply	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP
	<b>Design Track</b> Room 400	“Conifers for Low-Water Landscapes”	Tonya Schoenfuss, Alta Nursery	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
	<b>Irrigation Track</b> Eagle Room 200 D	“Water Conservation Pressure Reduction for Irrigation Systems”	Paul Wait, Zurn Industries	1 DOPL-CORE (S330 & 5501), 1 ISA, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
9:30 – 10:20 am	<b>Turf Track</b> Eagle Room 300 AB	“Ensuring Long-Term Success Of Turf Fields”	Brian Soukup, Salt Lake Bees	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 UCNP
	<b>Arboriculture Track</b> Eagle Room 300 CD	“Balancing Water & Nutrients: Strategies for Growing Healthy Trees in Utah”	Dr. Shital Poudyal, USU	1DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, .25 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
	<b>Greenhouse/Garden Center Track</b> Eagle Room 200 C	“Plant Health in the Garden Center”	Emily Slater, Plant Marvel Laboratories	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP
	<b>Design Track</b> Room 400	“Low Water Plant Combinations”	Adam Boden, Perennial Favorites	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, .50 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
	<b>Irrigation Track</b> Eagle Room 200 D	“Advanced Backflow Prevention for Landscape Irrigation”	Paul Wait, Zurn Industries	1 DOPL-CORE (S330 & 5501), 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
10:30 – 11:20 am	<b>Turf Track</b> Eagle Room 300 AB	“Building Biological Soil Profiles”	Kevin Hicks, Earthworks Natural Organics	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP
	<b>Arboriculture Track</b> Eagle Room 300 CD	“Tree Pests: What to Manage, What to Ignore, and What’s Impossible to Fix”	Mair Murray, USU Extension	1 DOPL-CORE, 1 Pest-USE, 1 UCNP
	<b>Greenhouse/Garden Center Track</b> Eagle Room 200 C	“Designing for Native Pollinators”	Cameron Allcott, Progressive Plants	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP
	<b>Design Track</b> Room 400	“Maintenance Comparisons: Localscapes vs Traditional Landscapes”	Mike Lorenc, JWCD Conservation Gardens	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
	<b>Irrigation Track</b> Eagle Room 200 D	“Advanced Point of Connection: What the heck is that?”	Dan Candland, Netafim	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
<b>Trade Show Opens 10:00 am to 2:00 pm</b>				

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