# 2027 Utah Green Industry Conference Schedule

**Monday–Wednesday, January 25, 26, 27, 2027**

Mountain America Expo Center 9575 S State, Sandy, UT

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Schedule as of 11/23/26, subject to change without notice.

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## Monday, January 25, 2027

| TIME | ROOM | CLASS TITLE | PRESENTER | CEUs |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **7:00 am — REGISTRATION** | | | | |
| 8:30 - 9:20 am | **Turf Track** Eagle Room 300 AB | Managing Turf Under Drought Restrictions | Landon Bunderson Nano-Yield | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP |
| | **Arboriculture Track** Eagle Room 300 CD | ISA Certification Exam Prep. What You Need to Know | Mike Bunnel Treewise | 1 DOPL-Core, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP |
| | **Irrigation Track** Eagle Room 200 A | Statewide Landscape Rebates | Madison Martini & Heidi King DNR Division of Water Resources | 1 DOPL-Core, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP |
| | **Landscape Track** Eagle Room 200 B | Employment Law Updates | Ryan Frazier Kirton McConkie | 1 DOPL-Core, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP |
| | **Design Track** Eagle Room 200 C | Restoration of Utah's Native Landscapes | Neal Dombrowski Red Butte Garden | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP |
| | **Greenhouse/Garden Center Track** Eagle Room 200 D | Empowering Green Businesses: Rocky Mountain Power Grants for Nurseries | Dan Bridenstine Rocky Mountain Power | 1 DOPL-Core, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP |
| 9:30 - 10:20 am | **Turf Track** Eagle Room 300 AB | Sprayer Drift & Calibration Safety Part 1 | Corey Ransom USU | 1 DOPL-Core, 1 Pest-SAFETY, 1 UCNP |
| | **Arboriculture Track** Eagle Room 300 CD | Rescuing & Saving Trees: Options for Saving Trees | Daniel English Wasatch Evergreens | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP |
| | **Irrigation Track** Eagle Room 200 A | Smart Controller Commercial | Kevin Evans Mountainland Supply | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP |
| | **Landscape Track** Eagle Room 200 B | Equipment Maintenance Life Hacks | Leatham Hendrix Wheeler CAT | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP |
| | **Design Track** Eagle Room 200 C | Designing a Winter Landscape | Tony McCammon PKJ Design Group | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP |
| | **Greenhouse/Garden Center Track** Eagle Room 200 D | How to Identify & Manage Common Pests in the Retail Garden Center (Bio Control) | Alison Kutz Sound Horticulture | 1 DOPL- Pro, 1 Pest-USE, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP |
| 10:30 - 11:20 am | **Turf Track** Eagle Room 300 AB | Sprayer Drift & Calibration Safety Part 2 | Corey Ransom USU | 1 DOPL-Core, 1 Pest-SAFETY, 1 UCNP |
| | **Arboriculture Track** Eagle Room 300 CD | Common Citations in Tree Care (and How to Avoid Them) | Aleisha Baker UDAF | 1 DOPL-Core, 1 Pest-LAW, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP |
| | **Irrigation Track** Eagle Room 200 A | Smart Controller Residential | Duane Richards Ewing Outdoor Supply | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP |
| | **Landscape Track** Eagle Room 200 B | Ecosystem of a Landscape | Dr. Shital Poudyal USU | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 Pest-USE, 1 ISA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP |
| | **Design Track** Eagle Room 200 C | Costs & Maintenance of Various Landscapes | Kelly Kopp USU | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP |
| | **Greenhouse/Garden Center Track** Eagle Room 200 D | Panel Discussion: The Native Plant Supply Problem-Challenges and Opportunities | Janet Simonvich - Progressive Plants, Dr. Sarah Hinners - Red Butte Garden, Katie Owens - Cache Valley Native Plants, Cynthia Bee - Utah Water Ways | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP |

**Monday, January 25, 2027** *(continued)*

| TIME | ROOM | CLASS TITLE | PRESENTER | CEUs |
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| **11:20 am -12:30 pm — LUNCH** | | | | |
| 11:20 am - 12:30 pm | **WIGI Lunch** Room 400 (Ticketed Event) | **Tish Buroker, Riverton City Mayor** "The Unlikely Journey to Becoming a Woman in the Green" Optional Q&A from 12:30 – 1:00 pm. Sponsored by: Proven Winners ColorChoice | | |
| 12:30 -1:20 pm | **Turf Track** Eagle Room 300 AB | Athletic Field Renovations | Shane Richards USU | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP |
| | **Arboriculture Track** Eagle Room 300 CD | Why Large Trees Fail: The 10 Most Common Installation Mistakes | Andy Amort Big Trees of Idaho | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP |
| | **Irrigation Track** Eagle Room 200 A | Flip the Strip | Sophie Byde & Christina Bennion JVWCD | 1 DOPL-Core, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP |
| | **Landscape Track** Eagle Room 200 B | BMP: Weed Control Maintenance for New Sites | Corey Ransom USU | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 Pest-USE, 1 UCNP |
| | **Design Track** Eagle Room 200 C | Beyond Xeriscape: Permaculture Design for Multifunctional Desert Landscapes | Roslynn Brain USU | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP |
| | **Greenhouse/Garden Center Track** Eagle Room 200 D | Japanese Beetle Updates | Kristopher Watson UDAF | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 PEST-USE, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP |
| 1:30 - 2:20 pm | **Turf Track** Eagle Room 300 AB | Pesticide Legislation: Recent Updates & Impacts | Henry Nahalewski UDAF | 1 DOPL-Core, 1 Pest-LAW, 1 UCNP |
| | **Arboriculture Track** Eagle Room 300 CD | What Trees Are Telling Us: Body Language, Physics, and Biomechanics | William Pruitt Treemendus Arbor Care | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP |
| | **Irrigation Track** Eagle Room 200 A | Tree Watering Applications | Andy Belingheri Husqvarna | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP |
| | **Landscape Track** Eagle Room 200 B | A Blueprint to Plug Profit Leaks: Stop Accepting "Good Enough" in Your Business | Ryan Noel Grass Plus | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP |
| | **Design Track** Eagle Room 200 C | Permaculture in Practice: Designing Functional, Practical & Beautiful Landscapes | Stephanie Hancey USU | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP |
| | **Greenhouse/Garden Center Track** Eagle Room 200 D | Plants Designed for Utah: Helping Garden Centers Grow Success | Kevin and Ramona Borkman Bloom Gardens | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP |
| 2:30 - 3:20 pm | **Turf Track** Eagle Room 300 AB | Outdoor Soil Health | Melanie Stock USU | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP |
| | **Arboriculture Track** Eagle Room 300 CD | Designing with Trees | Stephanie Colton Sunline Landscapes | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, 1 UCP |
| | **Irrigation Track** Eagle Room 200 A | Water Efficiency for Turf Grass Part 1 | Jeffrey Knight JK Consulting and Design | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP |
| | **Landscape Track** Eagle Room 200 B | Profitable Holiday Lighting | Mitch Henricks Village Lighting | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP |
| | **Design Track** Eagle Room 200 C | Evolving Waterwise Landscapes | Heidi Kratsch University of Nevada Reno | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP |
| | **Greenhouse/Garden Center Track** Eagle Room 200 D | Under Appreciated Plants | Lee Larsen Ball Horticulture | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP |
| 3:30 - 4:20 pm | **Turf Track** Eagle Room 300 AB | Managing Turf Before, During, & After a Large Event | Shane Richards USU | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP |
| | **Arboriculture Track** Eagle Room 300 CD | Evolution of Best Management Practices & IPM | Trent Bristol Herriman City | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 Pest-USE, 1 ISA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP |
| | **Irrigation Track** Eagle Room 200 A | Water Efficiency for Turf Grass Part 2 | Jeffrey Knight JK Consulting and Design | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP |
| | **Landscape Track** Eagle Room 200 B | Snow Removal Processes, Equipment, Time Savers | Michael Wagner, SIMA (Snow & Ice Management Association) | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP |
| | **Design Track** Eagle Room 200 C | Deciduous Trees for Northern Utah | Kristina Veenker Thrive Nursery | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP |
| | **Greenhouse/Garden Center Track** Eagle Room 200 D | Pesticide Safety in the Greenhouse: Training, Documentation, & Compliance | Henry Nahalewski UDAF | 1 DOPL-Core, 1 Pest-SAFETY, 1 UCNP |
| **4:30 - 5:30 pm** | **UNLA AWARDS RECEPTION** Ticketed Event, Room 400 | | | |

## Tuesday, January 26, 2027

| TIME | ROOM | CLASS TITLE | PRESENTER | CEUs |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **8:00 am — REGISTRATION** | | | | |
| 8:30 - 9:20 am | **Turf Track**<br>Room 300 AB | Turfgrass Types & Anatomy | Dr. Shaun Bushman<br>USDA | 1 DOPL- Pro, 1 QWEL, 1 UNCP |
| | **Arboriculture Track**<br>Eagle Room 300 CD | Maintaining Tree Health with Less Water | Miles Becker<br>USU | 1 DOPL- Pro, 1 ISA,<br>1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP |
| | **Irrigation Track**<br>Eagle Room 200 AB | Basic Drip | Dan Candland<br>Netafim | 1 DOPL- Pro, 1 IA,<br>1 QWEL, 1 UCNP |
| | **Landscape Track**<br>Eagle Room 200 C | Drought Tolerant Turf Solutions | Orson Boyce<br>Utah Seed | 1 DOPL- Pro, 1 IA,<br>1 QWEL, 1 UCNP |
| | **Greenhouse/Garden Center Track**<br>Eagle Room 200 D | Hydrangeas & How They Fit in the Utah Landscape | Paul Mulder<br>Glover Nursery | 1 DOPL-Pro, .25 IA,<br>1 UCNP |
| | **Design Track**<br>Room 400 | Temple Square Renovation Completion | Jay Warnick, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA,<br>1 UCNP |
| 9:30 - 10:20 am | **Turf Track**<br>Room 300 AB | Importance of Seed Varieties in Turf | Dr. Shaun Bushman<br>USDA | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP |
| | **Arboriculture Track**<br>Eagle Room 300 CD | Proactive Tree Management: Identifying and Managing Problem Species Before They Become Problems | Cale Berg<br>Davey Resource Group | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 Pest-USE,<br>1 ISA, 1 UCNP |
| | **Irrigation Track**<br>Eagle Room 200 AB | Advanced Drip | Dan Candland<br>Netafim | 1 DOPL- Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL,<br>1 UCNP |
| | **Landscape Track**<br>Eagle Room 200 C | Salt and Soil: How it Affects Trees, and Other Plants in the Landscape | Dr. Bryan Hopkins<br>BYU | 1 DOPL- Pro, 1 ISA,<br>1 UCNP |
| | **Greenhouse/Garden Center Track**<br>Eagle Room 200 D | Is Your Garden Center Compliant With State Regulations | Mark Hillier<br>UDAF | 1 DOPL-Core, 1 UCNP |
| | **Design Track**<br>Room 400 | Small Evergreens for the Garden | Jonathan Hansen<br>Frederico Outdoor Living | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA,<br>1 UCNP |
| **10:30 am - 12:00 pm**<br>Eagle Room 300 ABCD,<br>Room 400 Overflow Seating | | **UNLA Business and Keynote Speaker** "Extreme Weather Is the New Normal: Preparing Landscapes for a Changing Climate"<br>**Matt Johnson, KSL Meteorologist** | | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, 1 QWEL,<br>1 UCNP |
| **Spanish Education classes are presented in Spanish ONLY** | | | | |
| 12:00 - 12:50 pm | **Spanish Education**<br>Room 400 | Reparación y solución de problemas de válvulas/ Valve Repair & Troubleshooting | Daniel Martinez<br>Husqvarna Group | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 IA,<br>1 QWEL, 1 UCNP |
| 1:00 - 1:50 pm | **Spanish Education**<br>Room 400 | Hidráulica para profesionales del riego/Hydraulics for Irrigation Professionals | Daniel Martinez<br>Husqvarna Group | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 IA,<br>1 QWEL, 1 UCNP |
| 2:00 - 2:50 pm | **Spanish Education**<br>Room 400 | Dos hilos/Two Wire | Jonathan Hummer<br>Sprinkler Supply | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 IA,<br>1 QWEL, 1 UCNP |
| **Noon to 4:30 pm — TRADE SHOW OPENS** (Exhibit Hall 3 & 1/2 Hall 2) | | | | |

## Important information regarding CEUs and certificates of attendance:

*Certificates of attendance will be emailed to attendees within two weeks after the conference. The UNLA will post DOPL, ISA and UCNP CEUs and attendees are responsible for reporting IA, QWEL and Pesticide CEUs. If you need DOPL and ISA CEUs, you should have selected those CEUs when you registered for the conference and included your DOPL license number (ending in 5501) and your ISA license number, MUST also include Pesticide License number if you need Pest CEUs.*

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# Wednesday, January 27, 2027

| TIME | ROOM | CLASS TITLE | PRESENTER | CEUs |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **8:00 am — REGISTRATION** | | | | |
| 8:30 - 9:20 am | **Turf Track** Room 300 AB | Common Turf Weeds: Identification & Treatment | Kelly Kopp USU | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 Pest-USE, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP |
| | **Arboriculture Track** Eagle Room 300 CD | Diagnosing Abiotic Tree Disorders Within a Pest Management Program | Lindsey Purcell LP Consulting Group | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 Pest-USE, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP |
| | **Irrigation Track** Eagle Room 200 AB | Introduction to Two Wire Pros & Cons | Brady Pitcher Sprinkler Supply | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP |
| | **Landscape Track** Eagle Room 200 C | Panel Discussion: Design, Installation, Maintenance | David Wright - Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Bruce Reed - Samara Company, Brandon Ruiz - MGB+A | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, .5 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP |
| | **Greenhouse/Garden Center Track** Eagle Room 200 D | The Business of Container Gardens | Karen Chapman Le Jardinet | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 UCNP |
| | **Design Track** Room 400 | Annual Bed Design | Zac Roberts - WBWCD, Jessica Berrett - Sunline Landscapes | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP |
| 9:30 - 10:20 am | **Turf Track** Room 300 AB | Chemical Application 101 | Eric Allred Green Source | 1 DOPL-Core, 1 Pest-USE, 1 UCNP |
| | **Arboriculture Track** Eagle Room 300 CD | Prescription Pruning Qualification Overview | Lindsey Purcell LP Consulting Group | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP |
| | **Irrigation Track** Eagle Room 200 AB | Two Wire Installation Best Practices | Brady Pitcher Sprinkler Supply | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP |
| | **Landscape Track** Eagle Room 200 C | Shrub Pruning and Maintenance | JayDee Gunnell USU | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP |
| | **Greenhouse/Garden Center Track** Eagle Room 200 D | Fresh from the Greenhouse: Exciting New Nursery Plant Varieties | George McGinness Monrovia | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP |
| | **Design Track** Room 400 | Modular Plantings | Jessica Clements JC Designs | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP |
| 10:30 - 11:20 am | **Turf Track** Room 300 AB | Creating an Annual Turf Maintenance Program | Kelly Kopp USU | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 Pest-USE, 1 UCNP |
| | **Arboriculture Track** Eagle Room 300 CD | Tree Planting: What Matters and What Doesn't | Lindsey Purcell LP Consulting Group Sponsored by UCFC | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP |
| | **Irrigation Track** Eagle Room 200 AB | Advanced Two Wire Troubleshooting & Tools | Brady Pitcher Sprinkler Supply | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP |
| | **Landscape Track** Eagle Room 200 C | Design for Irrigation or Irrigate for a Design | Sandy Vernon & Kristina Ainsworth PKJ Design Group | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP |
| | **Greenhouse/Garden Center Track** Eagle Room 200 D | Worker's Protection Standard for Greenhouses | Drew Matthews UDAF | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP |
| | **Design Track** Room 400 | AI Integration in Landscape Design | Phillip Fernberg USU | 1 DOPL-Pro, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP |
| **Trade Show Classes** | | | | |
| 11:40 am - 12:30 pm | **Arboriculture Track** Trade Show Class Room | Pesticide Application Demonstration | Dan Bridenstine Rocky Mountain Power | 1 DOPL-Core, 1 Pest-SAFETY, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP |
| 11:40 am - 12:30 pm | **Landscape Track** Trade Show Class Room | Panel Discussion: Rebate and Incentive Programs for Landscape Contractors | Moderator: Zac Roberts Rod Vega - Utah Wildflower Company, Eric Wermel - JVWCD, Justin Boyer - Sod Ripper | 1 DOPL-Core, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP |
| **10:00 am to 2:00 pm — TRADE SHOW OPENS** (Exhibit Hall 3 & 1/2 Hall 2) | | | | |

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