



# 2026 Utah Green Industry Conference Schedule

Mountain America Expo Center 9575 S State, Sandy, UT  
**Monday–Wednesday, January 5,6,7, 2026**

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## Monday, January 5, 2026

TIME	ROOM	CLASS TITLE	PRESENTER	CEUs
<b>7:00 am — REGISTRATION</b>				
8:30 - 9:20 am	<b>Turf Track</b> Eagle Room 300 AB	Subsurface Drip Irrigation Design for Turf	Katia Velasquez Netafim	1 DOPL- PRO, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
	<b>Arboriculture Track</b> Eagle Room 300 CD	ANSI Standards Update	Gene Pouly Pouly Consulting	1 DOPL- Core, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP
	<b>Irrigation Track</b> Eagle Room 200 A	Backflow for Landscapers Part 1	Greg Hand Backflow Training Services	1 DOPL- CORE (S330 & 5501) 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
	<b>Landscape Track</b> Eagle Room 200 B	Designing Sustainable and Resilient Paver Systems	Marc Larsen Romex Hardscapes	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 UCNP
	<b>Design Track</b> Eagle Room 200 C	Rose Selection & Maintenance for Utah Gardens	Crystal Kim & Craig England Red Butte Garden	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 Pest- USE, 1 UCNP
	<b>Greenhouse/Garden Center Track</b> Eagle Room 200 D	Safety in the Greenhouse	Nancy Jeffery UDAF	1 DOPL- Core, 1 ISA, 1 Pest-Safety, 1 UCNP
9:30 -10:20 am	<b>Turf Track</b> Eagle Room 300 AB	Improving Herbicide Efficacy with Proper Use of Additives & Adjuvants	Corey Ransom USU	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 ISA, 1 Pest-USE, 1 UCNP
	<b>Arboriculture Track</b> Eagle Room 300 CD	Navigating the Procurement of New & Upcoming Cultivars	Kris Veenker Thrive Nursery	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP
	<b>Irrigation Track</b> Eagle Room 200 A	Backflow for Landscapers Part 2	Greg Hand Backflow Training Services	1 DOPL- CORE (S330 & 5501) 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
	<b>Landscape Track</b> Eagle Room 200 B	The Secret to Long-Term Tree Planting Success	Daniel Allen Super Trees	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP
	<b>Design Track</b> Eagle Room 200 C	Proper Irrigation of Landscape Trees	Miles Becker USU	DOPL- Pro, 1 ISA, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
	<b>Greenhouse/Garden Center Track</b> Eagle Room 200 D	Is Anyone Listening?! Does Anyone Care?! Cultivating a Culture of Engagement at Your IGC	Sarah Polzin Down to Earth Garden Center	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP
10:30 -11:20 am	<b>Turf Track</b> Eagle Room 300 AB	Fate of Herbicides in Plants and the Environment	Corey Ransom USU	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 Pest- USE, 1 UCNP
	<b>Arboriculture Track</b> Eagle Room 300 CD	Tree Law	Brent Bateman Durham Jones Pinegar	1 DOPL- CORE, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP
	<b>Irrigation Track</b> Eagle Room 200 A	Wireless Technology	Andy Belingheri ET Water	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
	<b>Landscape Track</b> Eagle Room 200 B	Understanding Pesticide Laws & Regulations for Landscapers	Jared Vernon UDAF	1 DOPL- CORE, 1 ISA, 1 Pest- LAW, 1 UCNP
	<b>Design Track</b> Eagle Room 200 C	Transplanting and Care of Large Landscape Trees	Dan English Wasatch Evergreens	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP
	<b>Greenhouse/Garden Center Track</b> Eagle Room 200 D	Nature by Design: How Garden Centers Can Model Biodiverse Ecosystems	Lucas Proctor Living Planet Aquarium	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 UCNP
<b>11:20 am - 12:30 pm — LUNCH</b>				

11:30 am - 12:20 pm	<b>WIGI Lunch Room 400</b> (Ticketed Event)	Rising by Lifting Others- Sarah Polzin, Down to Earth Garden Center Sponsored by: Proven Winners ColorChoice		
12:20 - 1:00 pm	<b>WIGI Networking</b> Room 400 (Open Event)	Q & A with Sarah Polzin, Down to Earth Garden Center		
12:30 - 1:20 pm	<b>Turf Track</b> Eagle Room 300 AB	Water Chemistry and the Effect on Pesticide Performance	Rob Garcia Heritage	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 IA, 1 Pest- USE, 1 UCNP
	<b>Arboriculture Track</b> Eagle Room 300 CD	Turf & Tree Aeration: Correcting Major Soil Problems	Shane Richards USU	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP
	<b>Irrigation Track</b> Eagle Room 200 A	Protecting Drinking Water: The Importance of Backflow Protection	Kelsey Johnson Rural Water Association of Utah	1 DOPL- CORE (S330 & 5501) 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
	<b>Landscape Track</b> Eagle Room 200 B	Environmental Impact of Artificial Turf and Existing Restrictions	Paul Harris USU	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
	<b>Design Track</b> Eagle Room 200 C	Restoration of Utah's Native Landscapes	Neal Dombrowski Red Butte Garden	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
	<b>Greenhouse/Garden Center Track</b> Eagle Room 200 D	Marketing Strategies for Garden Centers	Mark Anderson Anderson's Seed & Garden Inc.	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 UCNP
1:30 - 2:20 pm	<b>Turf Track</b> Eagle Room 300 AB	Soil Health & Turf Performance	Dr. Paul Johnson USU	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
	<b>Arboriculture Track</b> Eagle Room 300 CD	Invasive Wood Borer Update	Joey Caputo UDAF	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 ISA, 1 Pest- USE, 1 UCNP
	<b>Irrigation Track</b> Eagle Room 200 A	Requirements for State Rebates	Heidi King & Madison Martini Utah Dept. of Natural Resources	1 DOPL- Core, 1 ISA, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
	<b>Landscape Track</b> Eagle Room 200 B	Truck and Trailer Safety	AJ Ferguson Utah Farm Bureau Federation	1 DOPL- CORE, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP
	<b>Design Track</b> Eagle Room 200 C	Work Smarter, Not Harder: How Design and Plant Choice Can Reduce Maintenance, Part 1	Stephanie Duer Salt Lake City Public Utilities	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 ISA, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
	<b>Greenhouse/Garden Center Track</b> Eagle Room 200 D	Panel Discussion: Understanding Your Waste Stream	Jill Fletcher, Trans-Jordan, Preston Lee, Wasatch Intergrated Waste, Terry Ficklin, Southern Utah Waste District	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
2:30 - 3:20 pm	<b>Turf Track</b> Eagle Room 300 AB	Weeds Without a Playbook: Managing Utah's Lesser-Known but Common Lawn Invaders	Taun Beddes & Michael Caron USU	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 Pest-USE, 1 UCNP
	<b>Arboriculture Track</b> Eagle Room 300 CD	Writing Better Arborist Reports for Better Business	Miles Becker USU	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP
	<b>Irrigation Track</b> Eagle Room 200 A	Winterizing Irrigation Systems with Pumps	Brian Greig Mountainland Supply	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
	<b>Landscape Track</b> Eagle Room 200 B	Legal & Safety Compliance While Working in and Around Easements	Josh Sundloff Kirton McConkie	1 DOPL- CORE, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP
	<b>Design Track</b> Eagle Room 200 C	Work Smarter, Not Harder: How Design and Plant Choice Can Reduce Maintenance, Part 2	Stephanie Duer Salt Lake City Public Utilities	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 ISA, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
	<b>Greenhouse/Garden Center Track</b> Eagle Room 200 D	Roses: Care, Maintenance & Latest Varieties	Paul Mulder Glover Nursery	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 Pest-USE, 1 UCNP
3:30 - 4:20 pm	<b>Turf Track</b> Eagle Room 300 AB	Turf Equipment Maintenance	Matt Wilkinson & Katie Wilkinson Wilkinson Supply	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 UCNP
	<b>Arboriculture Track</b> Eagle Room 300 CD	Panel Discussion Trending Topics in the Tree Industry	Miles Becker, USU, Charlie Perington, Red Butte Garden, Mark Malstrom, Arbor Aide/USU	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP
	<b>Irrigation Track</b> Eagle Room 200 A	Electrical Troubleshooting Equipment; Wiring Tracing	Bruce Nelson Armada	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
	<b>Landscape Track</b> Eagle Room 200 B	Urban Pollinator Habitats: Designing for a Buzzing Landscape	Dr. Subodh Adhikari USU Extension	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 ISA, .25 IA, 1 UCNP
	<b>Design Track</b> Eagle Room 200 C	Growing Forward: Navigating Generational Transitions	Sarah Polzin Down to Earth Garden Center	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP
	<b>Greenhouse/Garden Center Track</b> Eagle Room 200 D	Greenhouse Pesticide Regulations	Henry Nahalewski UDAF	1 DOPL- Core, 1 Pest-Law, 1 UCNP
4:30 - 5:30 pm — UNLA AWARDS RECEPTION, Ticketed Event Room 400				

## Tuesday, January 6, 2026

TIME	ROOM	CLASS TITLE	PRESENTER	CEUs
<b>8:00 am — REGISTRATION</b>				
8:30 - 9:20 am	<b>Turf Track</b> Room 300 AB	Innovative Turfgrass Research & Future Trends	Jack Karlin Turfgrass Water Conservation Alliance	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
	<b>Arboriculture Track</b> Eagle Room 300 CD	Skeletonizers and More: Foliage-feeding Caterpillars	Marion Murray USU	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 ISA, 1 Pest-USE, 1 UCNP
	<b>Irrigation Track</b> Eagle Room 200 AB	Two-Wire Installation	Brady Pitcher Sprinkler Supply	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
	<b>Landscape Track</b> Eagle Room 200 C	Eco-Friendly Landscapes: How to Reduce Runoff & Enhance Water Retention	Dr. Shital Poudyal USU	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
	<b>Greenhouse/Garden Center Track</b> Eagle Room 200 D	Great Plants for the Western US	Dave Dickey DWD Plants	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP
	<b>Design Track</b> Room 400	Shrouded in Light: Naturalistic Planting Inspired by Wild Shrublands	Michael Guidi Denver Botanic Garden	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 UCNP
9:30 - 10:20 am	<b>Turf Track</b> Room 300 AB	Water-Wise Lawn Conversion Strategies	Jack Karlin Turfgrass Water Conservation Alliance	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
	<b>Arboriculture Track</b> Eagle Room 300 CD	Tree Planting: An Interpretation of the Second Edition Best Management Practices	Charlie Perington Red Butte Garden	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 ISA, .25 IA, 1 UCNP
	<b>Irrigation Track</b> Eagle Room 200 AB	Two-Wire Troubleshooting	Brady Pitcher Sprinkler Supply	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
	<b>Landscape Track</b> Eagle Room 200 C	Maintenance of a Sports Field	Paul Boekweg BYU Grounds	1 DOPL- Pro, .25 IA, 1 Pest- USE, 1 UCNP
	<b>Greenhouse/Garden Center Track</b> Eagle Room 200 D	Balancing Act: Effective IPM Techniques for Garden Retailers	Erica Schoenefeld Glover Nursery	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 Pest- USE, 1 UCNP
	<b>Design Track</b> Room 400	Shrubland Inspired Gardens for the Intermountain West	Michael Guidi Denver Botanic Garden	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 UCNP
10:30 am - 12:00 pm Eagle Room 300 ABCD Room 400 Overflow Seating	<b>Keynote Speaker</b> "Becoming Great" John Kennedy, BoomerWrangle LLC			
12:00 - 2:30 (break from 1:15 -1:30 pm) Eagle Room 300 ABCD	<b>"Leveraging Your ConnectSpace to Build a Contagious Ownership Mindset"</b> John Kennedy, BoomerWrangle LLC, Sarah Polzin, Down to Earth Garden Center, <b>Sponsored by Proven Winners</b>			
12:00 -12:50 pm	<b>Spanish Education</b> Room 400	"Electrical Trouble Shooting" "Resolución de problemas eléctricos"	Daniel Martinez Hydro Rain/Husqvarna	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
1:00 - 1:50 pm	<b>Spanish Education</b> Room 400	"Sprinkler Design" "Diseño de Aspersores"	Daniel Martinez Hydro Rain/Husqvarna	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
2:00 - 2:50 pm	<b>Spanish Education</b> Room 400	"Best Planting Practices for Trees & Shrubs" "Mejores Prácticas de Plantación de Árboles y Arbustos"	Jacob Carley Sunline Landscapes	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 ISA, .25 IA, 1 UCNP
<b>Noon - 4:30 pm — TRADE SHOW Opens (Exhibit Hall 5)</b>				



## Featured Keynote & Special Session Presenter: JOHN KENNEDY

- Becoming Great
- Leveraging Your ConnectSpace to Build a Contagious Ownership Mindset
- Coaches Corner & Round Table Discussions

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## Wednesday, January 7, 2026

TIME	ROOM	CLASS TITLE	PRESENTER	CEUs
<b>8:00 am — REGISTRATION</b>				
8:30 - 9:20 am	<b>Turf Track</b> Room 300 AB	Weed Control Strategies for Low-Water Turf	JayDee Gunnell USU Extension	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 Pest-USE, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
	<b>Arboriculture Track</b> Eagle Room 300 CD	Trees & Utilities	Daniel Bridenstine Tree and Line LLC	1 DOPL- CORE, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP
	<b>Irrigation Track</b> Eagle Room 200 D	Hydraulics & Design Part 1	Jeffrey Knight JK Consulting & Design	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
	<b>Garden Center/ Landscape Track</b> Eagle Room 200 C	Water-Wise Landscape Design: How to Get Started?	Rowe Zwahlen USU	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 ISA, .25 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
	<b>Design Track</b> Room 400	Blossoms & Brawn: High Impact Crabapple Cultivars for Northern Utah Landscapes	Jim Donohoe J Frank Schmidt	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP
9:30 - 10:20 am	<b>Turf Track</b> Room 300 AB	Turfgrass Disease & Pest Management in a Changing Climate	Jim Gish Gish, Inc.	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 Pest-USE, 1 UCNP
	<b>Arboriculture Track</b> Eagle Room 300 CD	Pesticide Safety in Tree Care	Henry Nahalewski UDAF	1 DOPL-Core, 1 ISA, 1 Pest-Safety, 1 UCNP
	<b>Irrigation Track</b> Eagle Room 200 D	Hydraulics & Design Part 2	Jeffrey Knight JK Consulting & Design	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
	<b>Garden Center/ Landscape Track</b> Eagle Room 200 C	Creating a Culture of Engagement Through the Great Game of Business	John Kennedy BoomerWrangle LLC	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP
	<b>Design Track</b> Room 400	How Garden History Can Drive Garden Maintenance	Esther Henrichsen Henrichsen Design	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 UCNP
10:30 - 11:30 am	<b>Coaches Corner Round Table Discussions</b> Concession Concourse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Putting First Things First</li> <li>Delivering an Exceptional Customer Experience</li> <li>Round Robin Discussion</li> </ul>	John Kennedy BoomerWrangle LLC	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP
10:30 - 11:20 am	<b>Turf Track</b> Room 300 AB	Turf Care: Keeping Green Spaces Healthy and Budget-Friendly	Chad Burdette, TruGreen	1 DOPL-Pro, 1 IA, 1 Pest- USE, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
	<b>Arboriculture Track</b> Eagle Room 300 CD	The Body Language of Trees	William Pruitt TreeMendus Arbor Care	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 ISA, 1 UCNP
	<b>Irrigation Track</b> Eagle Room 200 D	Hydraulics & Design Part 3	Jeffrey Knight JK Consulting & Design	1 DOPL- Pro, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
	<b>Garden Center/ Landscape Track</b> Eagle Room 200 C	Landscape Conversion Process & Incentives	Zac Roberts Weber Basin Water Conservancy District	DOPL- Core, 1 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
	<b>Design Track</b> Room 400	Waterwise Landscaping: Innovations, Tools, and Resources for Professionals	Cynthia Bee Utah Water Ways	DOPL- Pro, 1 ISA, .25 IA, 1 QWEL, 1 UCNP
<b>10:00 am to 2:00 pm — TRADE SHOW OPENS (Exhibit Hall 5)</b>				

**CEU Code** – DOPL (CORE, EC & Pro) -Department of Occupational and Professional Licensure, UCNP-Utah Certified Nursery Professional, Pesticide (USE, LAW, & SAFETY)-Utah Department of Food & Ag, ISA-International Society of Arboriculture, IA-Irrigation Association, QWEL-Qualified Water Efficient Landscaper

### CEUs and certificates of attendance:

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