

Reduction Strategies For Air Quality Issues in Maricopa County for Golf Course Overseeding

These strategies are reminders to Golf Course Superintendents who want to reduce the chance of having Maricopa County Air Quality Inspectors from finding violations in your Overseeding operations.

- 1. Communicate to homeowners about overseeding and leave them your contact information. If there is a problem, have them call you and not the county.**
- 2. Keep screens and filters in good working order on vacuums.**
- 3. Moisten turf to prevent dander from becoming airborne.**
- 4. Do not vacuum or blow or handle scalp material while it is windy.**
- 5. Have your vacuum equipment vent down towards the ground to reduce floating dander.**
- 6. Hand rake when ever possible instead of using blowers to gather up scalped turf.**
- 7. Reduce the use or eliminate the use of blowers**
- 8. Do not dry course out before scalping.**
- 9. Reduce depth of scalping to leave more leaf tissue and reduce dry scalp material to be collected.**
- 10. Chemically treat turf for overseed preparation instead of scalping and vacuuming. (diquat)**
- 11. Moisten piles of turf before loading them into dumpsters. Cover dumpster to prevent dander from blowing offsite.**
- 12. Reduce overseeded areas or do not overseed at all.**