

## **Information Resources**

**Results from an online survey, <http://turfgrass.com/vote/probpoll.html>**

### **Your biggest pest problem:**

diseases:	18%
insects:	11%
nematodes:	3%
weeds:	68%

### **Most time-consuming management problem:**

fertilization:	21%
mowing:	50%
watering	29%

### **Best place to get turf information:**

books:	29%
classes:	7%
county extension office:	18%
other turf workers	31%
trade publications	15%

Total no. responses: 399

There is uncertainty and there is uncertainty in the value of information. There are differences between seeking out answers to problems you know you have, versus problems you might have. The differences include differences in the likelihood that the solution will pertain to the problem, differences in your ability to retain the information, and differences in the motivation of the person answer your question.

### **Books**

- Textbooks
- Identification Guides

### **Magazines**

- Strongly supported by advertising
- Strongly supported by other resources, such as membership

## **Libraries**

Public libraries

Scientific journals

Subscription resources, e.g., <http://tgifsun.lib.msu.edu>

## **The Internet**

Discussion Forums, e.g., [gcsaa.org](http://gcsaa.org), [turfgrass.com](http://turfgrass.com), [lawnsite.com](http://lawnsite.com), [gardenweb.com](http://gardenweb.com)

News Groups, [rec.gardens](http://rec.gardens)

Web sites, [edis.ifas.ufl.edu](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu), [turfgrass.com](http://turfgrass.com), [google.com](http://google.com)

## **Manufacturers' instructions**

Pesticide labels

Manuals

Trade circulars

## **People**

Scientists and Extension workers

Fellow workers

People you know

People you don't know

People you trust

People you have no reason to trust

## **Classes**

## **Experience and experimentation**