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New on-line irrigation calculator makes irrigation scheduling easy – and it's free!

Water use for irrigation continues to be an issue of great concern to the landscape industry. It has been shown that effective irrigation can result in water savings of up to 50%, but the calculations required to develop a proper irrigation schedule are daunting, to say the least.

“The new irrigation calculator developed by Gaia College makes irrigation scheduling much simpler”, says Michael Hermary, developer of the calculator. “All one needs to do is enter the source information, and the calculator will develop the irrigation schedule. A professional multi-zone irrigation schedule can be developed quickly and easily.”

This unique calculator is accessible 24 hours a day, and free of charge, on the Gaia College web site:

http://www.organic-land-care.com/irrigation_calculator.php

“There is nothing else like it”, says Heide Hermary, president of Gaia College. “Students always complain about the math involved in irrigation scheduling. Let's face it, it's tedious and takes a long time, so most people simply don't do it. This also means they never realize the water savings an automated irrigation system can deliver.”

Landscape trade organizations, municipalities, and environmental organizations will be particularly interested in promoting this tool to their constituents.

“We care about the environment, and we care about our communities. Our mission is to provide affordable and accessible education in environmentally sound landscape practices. This calculator was developed in support of our on-line education programs. We think it can be of great value not just to students, but to all landscape professionals and the public at large”, says Michael Hermary.

“We are also interested in hearing from organizations who would like us to customize this tool for their own specific applications. We can help them save time and money, and benefit the environment as well.”

Gaia College Inc. offers on-line education in Organic Landscape Management and Organic Turf Management. The programs are offered in partnership with the Society of Organic Urban Land Care Professionals (SOUL) and the Adult and Continuing Education Department of the Burnaby School District. For more information please visit their web site at <http://www.organic-land-care.com> , or e-mail info@organic-land-care.com .

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