



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

# Media Advisory

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## MWRD Commissioner Frank Avila to present biosolids user awards at annual field day

**Who:** Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago  
**What:** 2012 Biosolids Field Day, "Improving Turf and Saving Money with Biosolids"  
**When:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12, 2012  
**Where:** Mid-Iron Golf Club, 12680 S. Bell Road, Lemont, IL

**Note to media:** MWRD Commissioner Frank Avila will present awards at 11:30 a.m.

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) will be hosting its annual Biosolids Field Day on Tuesday, June 12 at the Mid-Iron Golf Club, 12680 S. Bell Road, Lemont. MWRD Commissioner Frank Avila will also present the 2012 Chicago Metro Biosolids User Awards.

The event is coordinated to promote the MWRD's nationally recognized program for producing and distributing biosolids, the organic solids which result from the wastewater treatment process. Biosolids can be used as a fertilizer replacement for parks, recreation areas, and for crop production. The MWRD produces approximately 165 thousand dry tons of nutrient-rich biosolids every year and distributes them at no cost to area farmers, park districts, schools, property developers and landscape professionals.

MWRD soil scientists will be available to answer questions and demonstrate how biosolids can be used to improve soil quality, save money and reduce use of chemical fertilizers throughout the region. Representatives from local municipalities who have successfully incorporated biosolids into their park maintenance programs will also be on hand to provide feedback from a user's perspective.

Commissioner Avila will present the 2012 Chicago Metro Biosolids User Awards to recognize an individual and an organization for their efforts in the beneficial reuse of biosolids. Last year, the individual recipient was Dan Dinelli, superintendent of the North Shore Country Club. Dinelli was recognized for 10 years of collaborative research and innovative use of biosolids as a fertilizer and as a soil amendment on the golf course. The Blue Island Park District was honored for its continuous commitment to incorporate biosolids in routine turf maintenance in all parks in Blue Island.

For more information about biosolids or Biosolids Field Day, call Dr. Olawale Oladeji at (708) 588-4246.

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*MWRD senior environmental soil scientist Lakhwinder Hundal presented biosolids samples prior to a spreading demonstration during the 2011 MWRD biosolids field day at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant in Cicero.*