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TAKE-HOME MESSAGE FOR SUPERINTENDENTS

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ANSWER:

QUESTION: WHY DO OUR BENTGRASS GREENS ALWAYS SLOW DOWN IN SUMMER?

Yes, summer is finally here. Once promising root systems worked, until just a few years ago no one was sure why. Here is a very simplified answer: to keep them alive.

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