Low-maintenance and naturalized roughs can be a darling, the devil or a little of both depending on their use, placement and maintenance. When programs are implemented to establish naturalized or low-maintenance roughs, the devil is often in the details as is sometimes realized when programs are implemented to establish naturalized or low-maintenance rough areas. On the one hand, the concept of naturalizing low traffic rough areas seems wide range of responses from both managers and golfers. On the other hand, referring to the rough areas on a golf course and you will receive a maintenance rough.

Mention the words “naturalized” or “low maintenance” when you are talking about roughs, and you will receive a wide range of responses.

Beyond the Primary: A Guide for Lower Maintenance and Naturalized Roughs

By Jim Skorulski, agronomist, Northeast Region

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