

Improving Productivity Of Existing Staff

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As the turf industry becomes more competitive, golf course maintenance budgets are increasingly scrutinized. As a result, many maintenance budgets have experienced some reductions over the past decade. Unfortunately, golfer expectations typically remain the same even as budgets get slimmer, placing superintendents in a difficult position of trying to do more with less. Doing more with less usually means cutting corners, which often results in negative long-term consequences. A more sustainable way to

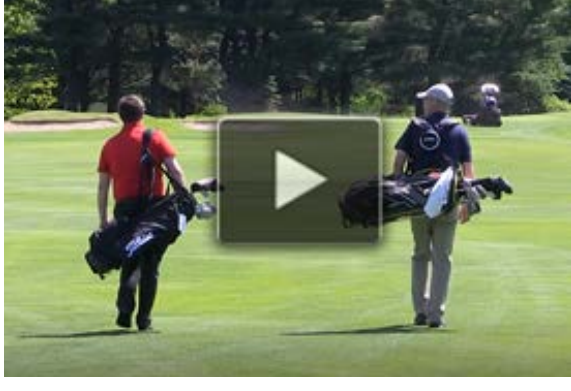
manage budget issues is to analyze current maintenance techniques and look for ways to optimize the productivity of existing staff.

Opportunities to improve productivity can be exciting, but remember that turfgrass management is just that – management. Successful turfgrass management involves simultaneously managing budgets, people, equipment and turfgrass. The options presented in this article provide some excellent ways to improve productivity, but they may not be the right choices for every facility.

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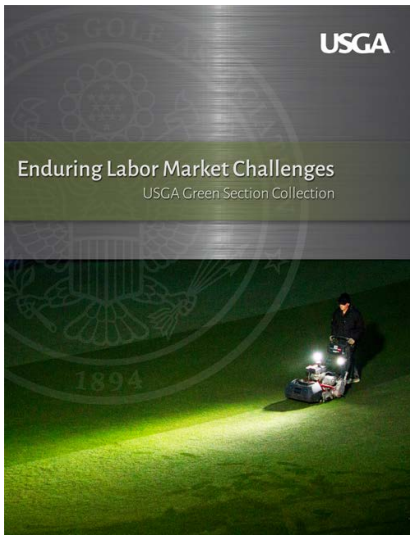


Etiquette Towards Golf Course Maintenance Personnel

Completing all necessary maintenance tasks on a golf course before play is practically impossible, so playing around the maintenance staff is unfortunately inevitable. Golf course maintenance personnel should take the necessary precautions to protect themselves, but golfers need to be careful and keep several factors in mind.

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