

USGA Recommendations for a Method of Putting Green Construction



The USGA Recommendations for a Method of Putting Green Construction – and the supplementary document, Building the USGA Green: Tips for Success – have been revised. Following a comprehensive review process, the USGA Recommendations have been refreshed to incorporate the latest research, testing procedures and construction techniques. Each revision ensures that the USGA Recommendations continue to provide superb performance around the world.

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[Building the USGA Putting Green: Tips For Success \(36 Page PDF\)](#)

Infographic

Evolution of USGA Recommendations for Putting Green Construction

- 1960**
 - USGA publishes first "specifications for a Method of Putting Green Construction" based on USGA-funded research
 - Key components are mostly the same today
- 1973**
 - Infiltration rate increased to allow for faster drainage
 - Collar should be built to same standards as putting surface
- 1989**
 - Fabric sleeves around drain pipes discouraged
 - Drain pipes should be placed on a gravel bed in all cases
- 1993**
 - Drain pipe spacing expanded from 10 to 15 feet, reducing unnecessary costs
 - Requirement for intermediate layer is relaxed
 - Perimeter drain at outfall points recommended
 - Laboratory testing standards are introduced
- 2004**
 - Tolerance for rootzone depth increased to 1 inch to simplify installation
 - Optional use of flat drainage pipe included
 - "Tips for Success" document published
- 2018**
 - "Assemble Your Team"
 - SC
 - CC
 - MA
 - UP
 - NE
 - SE
 - OR

Latest From Course Care



Tim Hiers, CGCS, Awarded 2018 USGA Green Section Award

Tim Hiers, CGCS, has been presented the 2018 Green Section Award in recognition of his visionary leadership in sustainable golf course management. Hiers' efforts helped Collier's Reserve Country Club become the first Audubon International Sanctuary Golf Course. His dedication also helped Old Collier Golf Club become the first course designated an Audubon International Gold Signature Cooperative Sanctuary.

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USGA Putting Green Construction Video Series

Putting green construction is complicated. These videos serve as a supplement to the USGA Recommendations for a Method of Putting Green Construction and Tips for Success documents. They highlight each of the integral construction stages, presenting successful strategies and critical aspects along the way. Whether viewed individually or in sequence, these videos are additional putting green construction tools.

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When It Comes To Greens, There Is No Such Thing As Simple

Whether they are new or old, putting greens are very much different from many familiar turfgrass areas. Far more than just short grass, putting greens are a lot more complicated than they appear from the surface. As complex systems, putting greens rely on precisely engineered construction techniques, grasses that are specially developed for golf course use and specialized management practices.

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USGA Recommendations: The Revision And Key Changes

The USGA Recommendations for a Method of Putting Green Construction go through a comprehensive review process to keep them up to date with the latest research and technology. Since being released in 1960, the USGA Recommendations have been revised five times. Explore the revision process and get a glimpse of the latest changes made to the USGA Recommendations.

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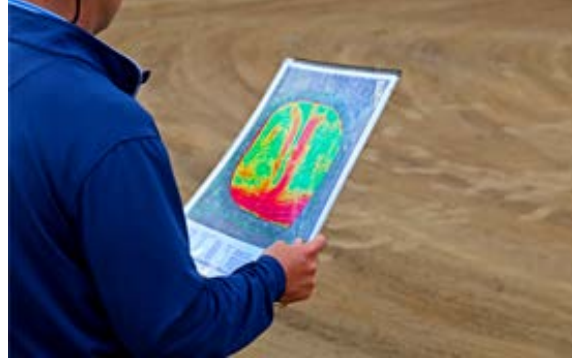


In Case You Missed It

Looking for more history behind the USGA Recommendations for a Method of Putting Green Construction? Check out the Feb. 2, 2018, issue of the USGA Green Section Record.

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Coming Up Next Issue

Putting green construction involves more than simply following a specific set of recommendations. The March 2, 2018, issue of the Green Section Record explores the important role that planning plays in the success of putting green construction projects.

Regional Updates



West Region

Demonstrations are a fundamental way to evaluate how well new products or programs will perform at a particular golf course. The results from small-scale tests will help determine if changing the maintenance program is worth the investment.

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Northeast Region

Winter golf really helps build excitement for the upcoming season; but beware, it could cause long-lasting turf damage during certain conditions. Prevent damage to playing surfaces by considering these factors before allowing late-winter play.

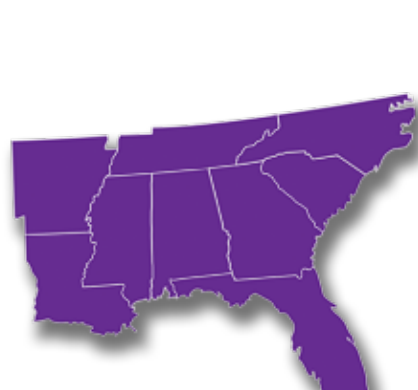
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Central Region

Did deep, early snow cover prevent the ground from freezing enough to support heavy tree maintenance equipment? Tools like a rotary power broom can come to the rescue, clearing snow and helping winter tree work get back on track.

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Southeast Region

The sixth annual Turfgrass Colorant Workshop was just held at the Pinehurst Resort in Pinehurst, North Carolina. Some of the attendees have shared a few take-home messages they gleaned from the expert lineup of speakers.

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