

Managing New Putting Greens

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Putting green conditions have a tremendous influence on a golfer's perception of a course. Many maintenance practices can be implemented to improve smoothness and consistency, but sometimes the turf species, poor drainage, or the growing environment are limiting factors in meeting golfer expectations. To address these issues and deliver high-quality putting conditions more consistently, golf facilities often invest in renovating their putting greens.

This article will guide you through the critical factors that impact the health and performance of newly seeded or sprigged putting greens.

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To provide smooth conditions on putting greens, golf course superintendents rely on a variety of tools and techniques. One tool - the roller - has been relied on since some of golf's earliest days, and it's used for a lot more than just managing putting green speed. Learn more about this important tool and discover the challenges surrounding its use.

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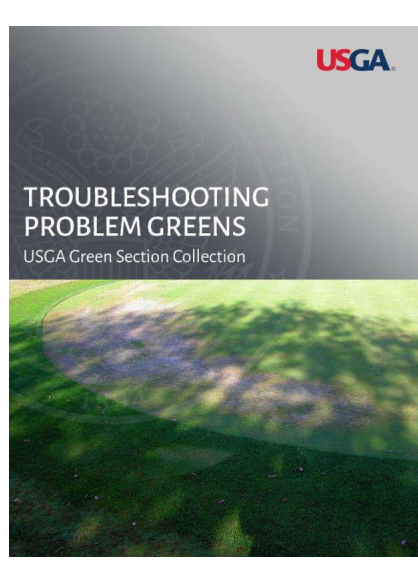


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Golf courses in the north have been emerging from under blankets of snow while those farther south are preparing to condition bermudagrass as it breaks dormancy. As we all gear up for another fun-filled golf season, here are a few things to keep in mind. If we all do our part, we can help provide the best playing conditions for each other to enjoy.

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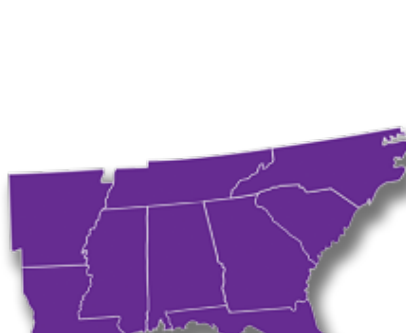
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