

# TURF TWISTERS

## YOU'RE SAFE

**Question:** Last fall we experienced an infestation of grubs. I immediately applied one of the popular and fast-acting insecticides, but the grubs were unaffected going into the winter. Is this unusual? Can I expect more grub activity in the spring? (Connecticut)

**Answer:** Insecticides do not penetrate deeply, seldom beyond the first inch; therefore, the material never reached the grubs. Next spring when they come up to feed, they will experience instant death as they eat their way to the surface. You're safe . . . the grubs only think they are!

## DON'T SHUT OFF

**Question:** In our mild winter climate, our irrigation requirements are practically nil. Can we shut down the automatic irrigation system and save money? (California)

**Answer:** You can, but it isn't the best procedure under your conditions. As any other mechanism, the automatic system soon develops bugs if not used. Run it through a short but complete cycle once a week.

## THE ARMADILLOS

**Question:** Recently, armadillos literally rooted up an edge of one fairway and rough. What can I do to get rid of them? (Florida)

**Answer:** In all probability they are eating grubs or mole crickets. Control the source of food and the animals will feed somewhere else.