

Is It Time To Rebuild Your Greens?

Time To Rebuild The Putting Greens ... Or Is It?

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The prospect of having to rebuild one, a few or all of the putting greens is never popular at any course because of the major disruptions to golfers and course operations, not to mention the cost. There are multiple factors that affect turf growth, putting green performance and the type of conditioning that can be provided. A basic understanding of these factors, along with accurately assessing whether or not there are options other than complete reconstruction will be reviewed in this article. If it is determined that agronomic weaknesses and/or architectural limitations cannot be overcome without rebuilding, course decision makers will be provided with additional information on what to do next.

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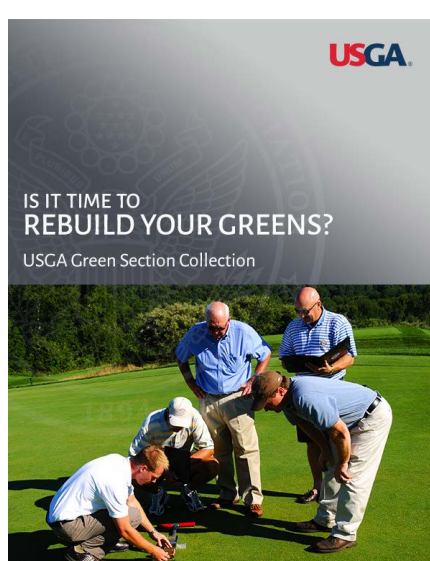


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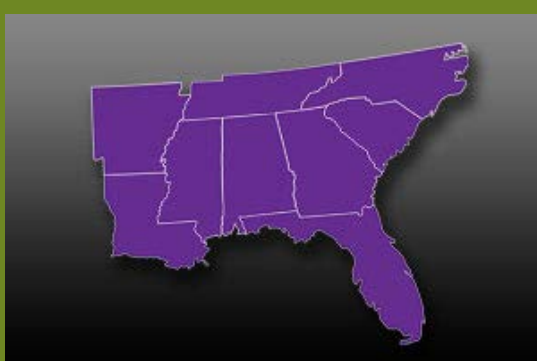
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NORTHEAST REGION

Plant leaves are the original solar panels, using the sun's energy, which is then used for growth and other functions. Like the solar panels we use to produce electricity, plant leaves require maximum light absorption for optimal photosynthesis.

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SOUTHEAST REGION

While preparations for winter are in full force in the Southeast Region, an El Niño could begin affecting weather patterns. Whether dealing with unusual weather or a surge in insect pest activity, USGA agronomists offer tips for a successful fall and winter.

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WEST REGION

Several research projects were presented during the recent Turfgrass and Landscape Research Field Day at the University of California-Riverside. Topics included managing turf under drought and salinity stress and a bermudagrass breeding program.

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CENTRAL REGION

Even though the stresses of summer are behind us, remain vigilant as disease pressure from large patch and take-all patch may arise. Learn how best to prevent these potentially harmful pests in this week's Regional Update.

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