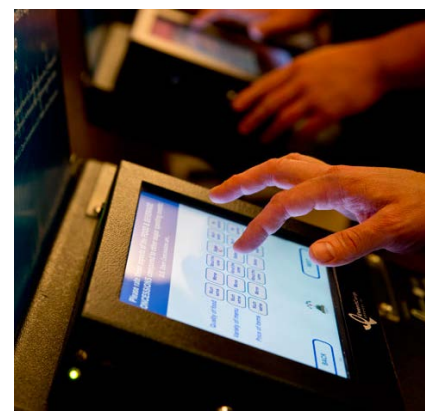


2015 USGA GREEN SECTION RECORD SURVEY PARTICIPATION REQUEST

Survey

We need your help. We are revamping the USGA *Green Section Record* for 2015 and your input is critical to help us make our publication as useful as possible to you. The best way to get your input is via a **survey**. The good news is that it is very short and will take you less than five minutes to complete. So please help us out by clicking the link below.



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In this issue of the Green Section Record we have asked you to complete a survey to help us better serve you. Surveys provide extremely valuable information and are certainly not a new idea. In 1925 a survey was sent to 100 clubs in all sections of the United States to determine the cost of maintaining golf courses. To see the average maintenance budget, size of the maintenance staff, and other budget items follow [this link](#).

REGIONAL UPDATES



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The USGA Green Section is divided into eight regions staffed by agronomists who work with golf facilities on care of the golf course. USGA agronomists provide regular regional updates outlining current issues and observations from the field. Be sure to view updates from multiple regions as featured ideas, techniques and solutions to problems often apply to other parts of the country.



NORTHEAST REGION

What can be applied to all playing surfaces to protect turfgrass plants, improve drainage, potentially reduce disease and improve playing quality? The answer is sand topdressing. However, selecting appropriate sand and assuring its physical characteristics meet current recommendations are fundamental steps in a successful topdressing regimen. [Read More](#)



MID-ATLANTIC REGION

Autumn days on a golf course are about as close to perfection as one can imagine. For golf facilities with trees, however, leaf cleanup every fall is a necessary evil that is both time consuming and expensive. [Read More](#)



SOUTHEAST REGION

New advances in triplex-mower technology have resulted in a resurgence of triplex mower use on ultradwarf bermudagrass putting greens in the Southeast Region. Here is a glimpse at the benefits being realized by superintendents who recently made the transition from walk-behind mowers to triplexes. [Read More](#)



FLORIDA REGION

Tropical signalgrass control has been a common topic of discussion during recent Course Consulting Service visits. Fortunately, weed scientists at Clemson University have identified several successful control programs. However, like all successful pest-control efforts, proper pest identification is critical. [Read More](#)



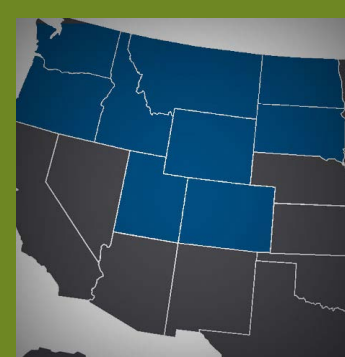
NORTH-CENTRAL REGION

The emerald ash borer has arrived in the Chicagoland area. The presence of this devastating pest of ash trees can trigger quarantines affecting disposal of logs and tree debris. Take advantage of additional time this fall and plan an aggressive tree-management strategy to address unnecessary and poor-quality ash trees before quarantines make debris disposal problematic. [Read More](#)



MID-CENTRAL REGION

When it comes to trees, understand that each and every tree on a golf course adds to the course's maintenance costs. There are a number of added expenses that many golf facilities fail to fully consider. [Read More](#)



NORTHWEST REGION

In only a few months Chambers Bay will become the first course in the Pacific Northwest and the first all-fescue course to host the U.S. Open. However, last year's harsh winter, and traffic from increased play, damaged some of the fine fescue playing surfaces. Fortunately, the staff at Chambers Bay has implemented some creative strategies to restore healthy turf. [Read More](#)



SOUTHWEST REGION

It is autumn and visitors from the northern states will soon be flocking to the Desert Southwest in search of sunny skies, warm weather and plentiful tee times. Consider the following three tips to offer attractive golf courses that are fun to play and provide a warm welcome to winter visitors. [Read More](#)

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