

Regional Updates



West Region

Until recently, mowing putting greens has required a precise mower and operator. Improvements in robotic mowers may signal the beginning of a major change in how putting greens and bunkers are prepared on a daily basis.

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Northeast Region

Shade can affect turfgrass health year-round and has the potential to greatly reduce the playing quality of any turf surface. Fortunately, evaluating turf root systems is a great way to quantify the severe impact of shade.

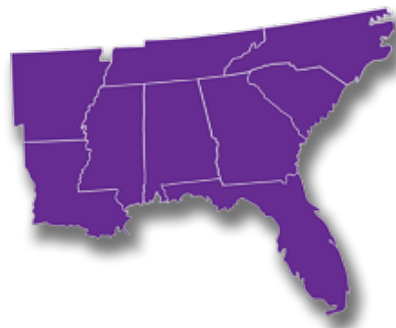
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Central Region

Pesticides require safe, proper storage and routine inventory assessments to protect people and the environment. This update provides some common-sense tips for conducting a review of the pesticide storage facility at your course.

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Southeast Region

The environmental impacts of turf colorants are noteworthy. Turf colorants can produce green fairways during the winter months while using less fertilizer, water, labor and pesticides compared to overseeding.

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In Case You Missed It

The Feb. 5, 2016 issue of the USGA *Green Section Record* is your go-to source for information about managing mower setup.

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Coming Up Next Issue

One of the most important roles of the golf course superintendent is to ensure the course is properly prepared for golfers. Course setup can make a world of difference in round enjoyment, pace of play and even a player's handicap. To learn more about course setup, look out for the March 4, 2016 issue of the USGA *Green Section Record*.

Latest From Course Care



2016 USGA Green Section Award Winner: Dr. Bruce Clarke

Dr. Bruce Clarke of Rutgers University was the recipient of the 2016 USGA Green Section Award, honoring his more than 30 years of leadership and research in the area of turfgrass science, at the Association's Annual Meeting on Feb. 6, 2016.

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12 Things You Should Know About El Niño

This strong El Niño season has brought weeks of reduced sunlight and continual rainfall throughout the Southeast Region. View this photo gallery to learn more about the effects of El Niño on golf courses.

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Brushing - When Does It Hurt The Turf?

Superintendents have concerns about brushing putting greens too often and damaging the turf. What are the benefits of, or stresses caused by, brushing bentgrass greens?

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So, You Want To Have a Backyard Putting Green?

The ability to practice in the comfort of your home sounds appealing, but the expertise and equipment necessary to maintain a smooth, fast putting surface should not be taken lightly.

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