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Developing A Preventive Maintenance Checklist For Golf Course Irrigation Systems

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Irrigation systems are an integral part of golf course maintenance, just like maintenance staff, mowing equipment, and maintenance facilities. Without a functional irrigation system, it is virtually impossible to maintain golf course turf in playable condition. However, while mowers and other equipment are regularly seen working on a golf course, irrigation systems are a mystery to many golfers because they are buried underground and most frequently operate at night.

Golf course irrigation systems can quickly deteriorate from lack of maintenance. Preventive maintenance can reduce the amount of reactive maintenance and improve playing conditions. Developing a preventive maintenance program is the best way to extend the life of an irrigation system, maintain performance, and minimize the severity and frequency of problems.

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Precision Irrigation

Superintendents rely on science and technology to accurately apply precise amounts of irrigation water. Even though it may seem counterintuitive, discover how more irrigation heads, along with advancements in technology, can help superintendents improve playing conditions while reducing overall water use.

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Golf's Use Of Water



Handwatering

Hand watering may not be popular, but there is very good reasoning behind its practice. Whether cooling playing surfaces during a hot summer day or providing precise applications of water, hand watering is a valuable supplement to overhead irrigation that helps superintendents manage water use and improve playing conditions.

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Ultradwarf bermudagrass can provide excellent putting green conditions during summer, but it must be protected from cold temperatures during winter. Researchers at the University of Arkansas examined current covering recommendations and what they found could reduce the time spent under covers, saving time and money.

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Irrigation System Preventive Maintenance

You probably check the yardage on sprinkler heads a few times during a round. The yardage plate is just the tip of the iceberg. Miles of unseen infrastructure lies beneath your feet whenever you step foot on a golf course. Although out of sight may be out of mind, here is some surprising information about what lies below ground.

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Researchers at the Turfgrass and Landscape Research Field Day at the University of California, Riverside, presented these updates on projects focusing on drought tolerance and improving winter color retention.

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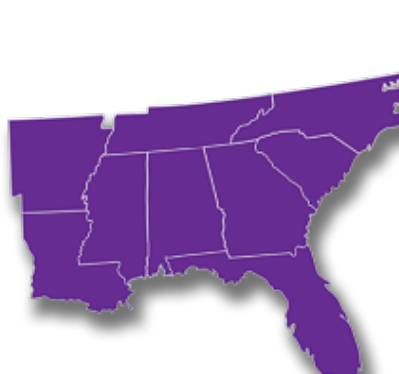
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Tattered and worn, most golf courses that weathered Hurricane Irma have some bruising that will take months to heal. Fortunately, the experience and these resources can help prepare for future storms.

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