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Bringing A Putting Green Back To Life

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Despite the greatest efforts from superintendents, putting green turf occasionally dies. Superintendents who experience the trauma of putting green damage feel tremendous pressure to restore playing conditions as quickly as possible.

A successful recovery requires a plan that is appropriate for the level of damage and a high level of execution. This article will take a closer look at different levels of putting green damage and the processes used to implement an effective recovery.

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Photo Gallery: Protecting Putting Greens During The Winter

There is no guaranteed way to prevent winter injury on putting greens. However, turf covers can help protect greens during winter and reduce the risk of winter injury. This photo gallery illustrates the benefits of turf covers and shows the key steps in a process that many golfers never see.

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Turf Minutes: Using Turf Colorants On Golf Courses

When the weather gets cold and grass turns brown, some golf courses are using turf colorants as an alternative to overseeding. Turf colorants provide winter color without the cost, resource consumption and turf issues associated with overseeding.

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Reducing The Risk Of Putting Green Turf Loss

Putting green turf loss is as inevitable as catching the flu, though hopefully it happens less often. In the same way that we take steps to protect ourselves from illness, superintendents use practices like aeration to maintain healthy turf and reduce the risk of serious damage.

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