

## Mowing And Rolling Greens To Manage Green Speed And Turf Performance

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Today's superintendents use a combination of mowing and rolling to deliver fast, true putting surfaces on a consistent basis. However, finding the right balance between these two practices can be challenging, especially when golfers push for faster and faster green speeds. This article examines the various factors associated with mowing and rolling greens and puts forth a practical guideline for developing a strategy that will be successful at your facility.

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#### Summer On The Golf Course

To deliver the best possible playing conditions during summer, superintendents use a variety of techniques to balance the demands of play with the impacts of harsh summer weather. Daytime watering, the use of fans, and venting aeration are just a few things you will probably see on the golf course this summer as the maintenance team works to provide great playability today and in the months to come.

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#### From Sunrise To The First Tee

A lot happens on a golf course before we arrive at the first tee. Superintendents and their teams often begin work before sunrise to ensure that greens are mowed, tees are moved, holes are changed and countless other tasks are completed ahead of play. Their work often continues long after our morning round is complete. Here is a glimpse into all that happens on a golf course each day.

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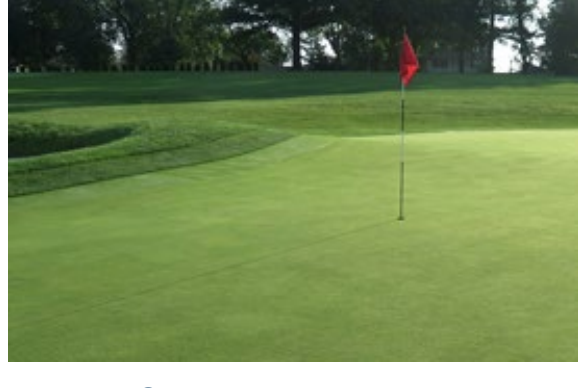


#### Subsurface Drip Irrigation Reduces Water Use On Tees

Precisely irrigating small teeing grounds can be very challenging with traditional overhead sprinklers. Researchers at New Mexico State University evaluated four subsurface drip irrigation systems on tees and found that they delivered similar turf quality with significantly less water than traditional sprinklers.

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#### Putting Green Management Is More Than Cutting Grass

Putting green quality has a significant impact on how golfers perceive a course. Unfortunately, comparisons from course to course can often be unfair. Golfers need to understand that much more goes into putting green management than simply mowing, and what might be possible at one course may not work at another.

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This summer has been very similar to last summer, with hot and wet conditions causing a host of problems. These tips can help you manage common issues, but facilities should also plan for improvements that will help prevent these problems in the future.

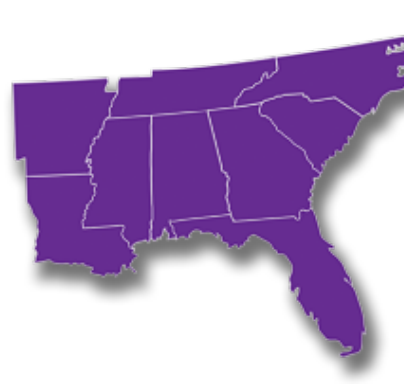
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