

Regional Updates



West Region

Infestations of algae are becoming more common in sand bunkers. Find out why this is happening and what you can do about it.

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Northeast Region

As important as tees are, sometimes they can be a maintenance afterthought because so much focus is on fairways and greens.

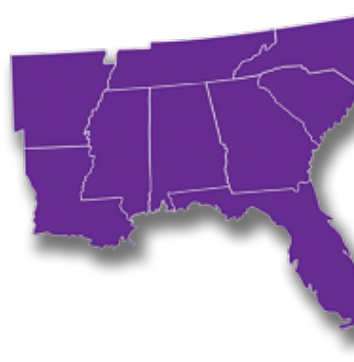
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Central Region

Damaged turf around putting green edges is a common sight. A little extra topdressing can go a long way in preventing mower scalping and improving turf quality and smoothness in this difficult-to-maintain area.

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Southeast Region

Bunker sand consistency is a common source of golfer complaints. While some consistency issues can be addressed, or at least improved, there are many factors at play that are outside a superintendent's control.

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In Case You Missed It

Various combinations of mowing and rolling are a normal part of today's intensive putting green management. These two practices can be used in conjunction to deliver extremely high levels of playability, or they can be rotated when putting green turf needs a break. Review the August 2, 2019, issue of the USGA *Green Section Record* to find detailed information about how to create a balanced program of mowing and rolling at your golf course.

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Coming Up Next Issue

The agronomic and playability benefits of upgrading to improved fairway grasses has long been understood. However, many facilities hesitate to regrass their fairways because of the cost and disruption. Understanding the economic benefits of utilizing improved grasses can help decision-makers see fairway regrassing as an investment that may pay for itself surprisingly quickly by reducing fairway maintenance costs in the short and long term.

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Course Care Video



Fore The Golfer: Golf Course Aeration — The (W)hole Story

Putting green aeration is never popular, but it is an essential part of providing smooth, firm putting surfaces. Without aeration, putting greens can become soft, bumpy and prone to disease. The temporary disruption that comes with aeration can be frustrating, but it will help provide great playing conditions in the months and years ahead.

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Turf Tip



How To Quickly Repair Small Areas Of Putting Green Damage

Small areas of putting green damage are a common issue. Unfortunately, recovery in these areas can be slow, especially during periods of high turf stress or limited growth. Using a cup cutter to physically rotate healthy turf from the margins of a damaged area into the center can help "shrink" the damage and expedite recovery.

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Fore The Golfer



Home Lawn Or Putting Green — What's The Difference?

While the differences between our home lawn and a putting green are pretty obvious, there are also a surprising number of similarities. Both require many of the same maintenance practices to remain healthy and functional.

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Course Care Infographic



The Ins And Outs Of Aeration

There are a lot of benefits that come from putting green aeration, and a lot of factors involved in the planning and execution of a successful aeration process. Learn about the ins and outs of putting green aeration with this detailed infographic.

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