

Don't Layer It On!

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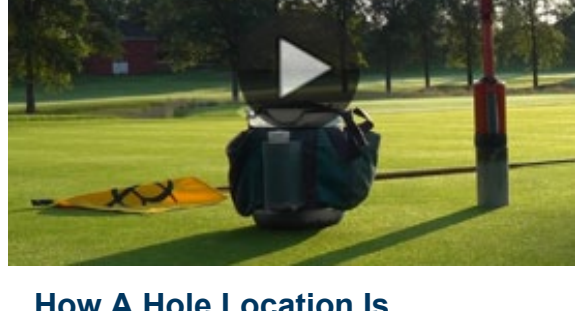


Soil layering on putting greens can cause a wide range of serious issues. Soft surfaces, poor rooting and increased disease incidence are just a few examples of the problems that develop. The techniques described in this article will help you to prevent layers from developing and address them if they're already established. Tailoring your solutions to the exact type of layering present is critical for solving the problem as effectively and efficiently as possible.

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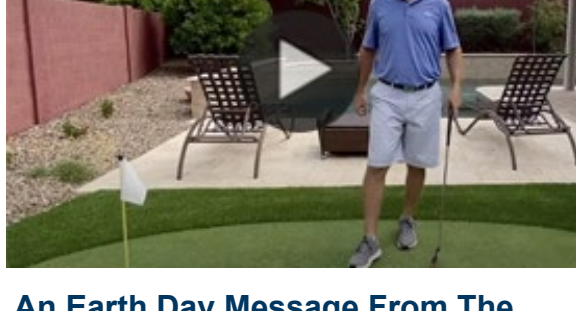


How A Hole Location Is Determined And Changed

Have you ever wondered how hole locations are chosen on a given day? A surprising number of factors must be considered to find a balance between playability, variety and turf health.

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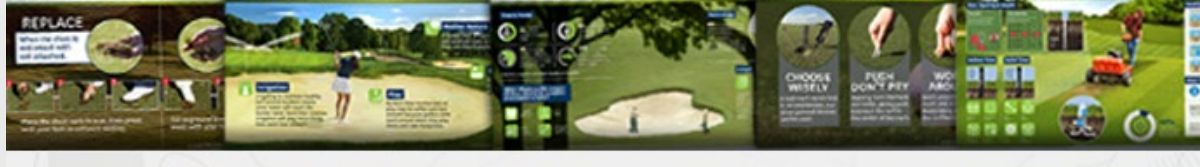
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Why Do Hole Edges Collapse?

Maintaining a well-defined hole edge is not always easy. Grass type, time of year, maintenance resources and the care taken by golfers all play a role in how hole edges stand up to play.

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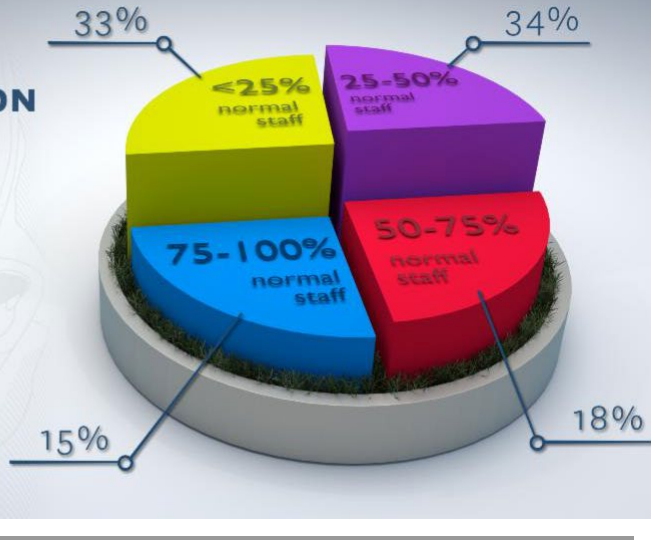
As golfers, we should always do our part to help care for courses we play on, but contributing to course care is especially important this year. Many superintendents are operating with less staff, so a little extra effort on our part will make a big impact. Here are five ways golfers can help during this tough time.

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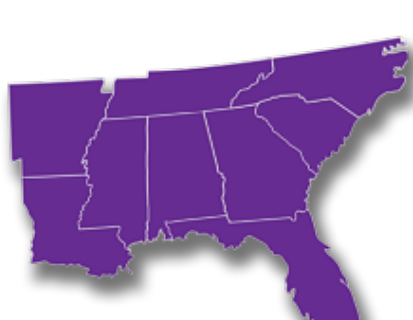
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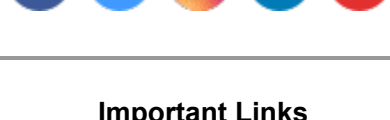
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