

## Getting the Most from Early Order Programs

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If you know that you need certain products every year, early order programs can help you save money and ensure that you have the materials available when you need them. However, the temptation of savings can also lead to purchasing mistakes that may end up costing you more money down the road. This article will help you use early order to your maximum benefit while avoiding potential pitfalls.

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### U.S. Open



## U.S. Open Afternoon Agronomics

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USGA agronomists play a major role in course preparations at the U.S. Open, including arriving to the course at 4:00 a.m. each morning. But when play begins, the work isn't over. Catch up with Adam Moeller as he followed the final group on Saturday during this year's U.S. Open at Winged Foot Golf Club.

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### NEXT ON THE TEE



## Eisenhower Golf Course: A Sustainable Model for a New Era

In an era when golf course managers are getting rid of bunker rakes, golf architect Andrew Green did one better – he got rid of the bunkers.

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Shotgun starts may be necessary to accommodate large golf events, but they also have various impacts on course maintenance.

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Due to COVID-19 challenges, what best describes your year-to-date labor hours compared to 2019?

A) + 20% labor hours

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C) - 20% labor hours

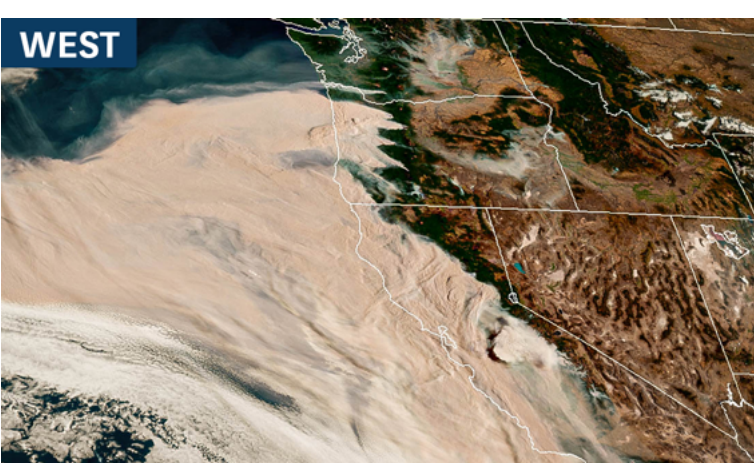
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D) - 40% labor hours

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Wildfire smoke has been the latest challenge for superintendents in the West Region. But is smoke harmful to turfgrass?

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Selective bunker removal is a great way to reduce maintenance costs, save labor and improve playing conditions at your course.

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