

How to Save Money on Rough Maintenance

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Rough maintenance is time consuming and expensive because of the large areas and unique maintenance challenges involved. With many courses trying to manage costs and improve operational efficiency, superintendents are looking for ways to scale back on rough maintenance, especially in low-play areas. The challenge – how can you reduce inputs without significantly compromising playability and aesthetics? This article provides practical strategies on how to do just that – allowing rough to be rough, without letting it get too rough.

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We are pleased to announce that Jordan Booth has been named as an agronomist in the USGA Green Section's Southeast Region, based in North Carolina. Jordan brings to the USGA a strong background in academics and practical golf course management. After graduating from Clemson University's turf management program, Jordan went on to earn a master's degree in Plant Pathology, Physiology and Weed Science from Virginia Tech. Currently, Jordan is a Ph.D. candidate at Virginia Tech, where he is researching the cold hardiness of different ultradwarf bermudagrasses. Jordan's tenure at Willow Oaks Country Club in Richmond, Virginia, as an assistant superintendent and superintendent from 2008-2018 provided him with extensive hands-on experience in all facets of golf course management. Jordan's

commitment to learning, his practical experience and a desire to help others will be of great value to golf courses in the Southeast.

Jordan was introduced to golf at an early age, but his love for the game was sparked in college while he was working at a golf course and studying turfgrass management. He still enjoys playing and watching his sons learn the game. We welcome Jordan to the staff and wish him a long and successful tenure with the USGA.

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