

Oh, No! Not Again!

Aerators are firing up all over the country.

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There are two sounds being heard on golf courses all over the country as spring makes its way south. The first is the sound of aerator engines starting up. This is followed almost immediately by the collective groan of golfers. Aeration may be the most cussed and discussed golf course maintenance practice. While it is no secret that golfers hate it, we can assure you that no golf course superintendent looks forward to it, either. So why do they do it? The short answer is that aeration is the most effective tool at the superintendent's disposal to ensure the rootzone remains capable of supporting healthy turf.

For those who want to learn a little more about the whys and hows of aeration, we have assembled a collection of articles, videos, and webcast recordings developed by the Green Section staff and turfgrass scientists over the years. This is by no means a complete list, since this topic has been written about in Green Section publications since the August 1922 issue of the *Green Section Bulletin*.

PRINT ARTICLES

["Putting green aeration: It is more important than you think"](#)

["FLOG - What turfgrass would call it if given a choice!: Turfgrass is a living entity that has no voice in creating playing conditions for the game of golf. If turfgrass could talk, what would it say?"](#)

["Weigh your aeration carefully"](#)

["Get the most bang for your buck when cultivating greens"](#)

["Aeration: Get it done!"](#)

["Customized cultivation: What is the goal of your cultivation program? The most effective long-term benefits are achieved from customized cultivation"](#)



["Aeration and topdressing for the 21st century: Two old concepts are linked together to offer up-to-date recommendations"](#)

MULTIMEDIA

["Why Aerating A Course Is Vital" \(video\)](#)

["Why aerate greens?" \(animation\)](#)

["Aeration - Does Tine Size Matter" \(webcast recording - no recording key required\)](#)

RESEARCH ARTICLES

["Organic matter dilution programs for sand-based putting greens in Virginia"](#)

["Aeration timing and topdressing color to enhance creeping bentgrass green recovery"](#)

["Comparison and evaluation of cultivation techniques on ultradwarf bermudagrass greens"](#)

["Summer irrigation and aeration on creeping bentgrass putting greens: Research at the University of Maryland reveals important insight for managing bentgrass greens during summer"](#)

["Cultivating to manage organic matter in sand-based putting greens: University of Arkansas researchers provide important insight for managing organic buildup on putting greens"](#)

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