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Regional Updates



West Region

Golf courses are taking positive steps to improve conditions and playability. While each golf course has specific needs, every golf course can benefit from these three considerations.

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Northeast Region

Hot summer conditions prompted maintenance adjustments at many facilities. Taking the time to evaluate how effective these changes were can be useful for next season.

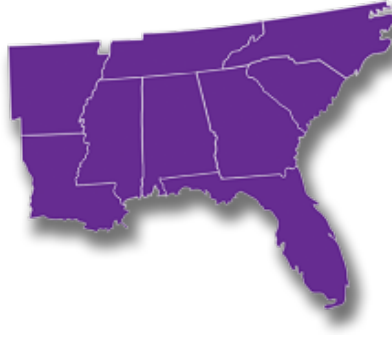
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Central Region

A break in the weather after a long stretch of heat and high humidity may spell relief for golfers, but a breezy day of mild temperatures and low humidity can cause considerable stress to a weak, shallow-rooted *Poa annua* putting surface.

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Southeast Region

The stress of a hot, dry summer is a reminder of the value of rainfall. However, as mild temperatures and rainfall return, rapidly growing turf may face a threat from these opportunistic pests.

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In Case You Missed It

It may still be summer, but preparations for winter are just around the corner at many facilities. The August 5, 2016 issue of the USGA *Green Section Record* is your go-to source for information about turfgrass winter injury.

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Coming Up Next Issue

Golfers enjoy firm, dry playing surfaces that can be challenging to provide when soil conditions and the weather don't cooperate. Learn more about how well-designed drainage systems can improve both turfgrass conditions and the golfing experience in the September 2, 2016 issue of the USGA *Green Section Record*.

Latest From Course Care



Case Study: Using Stormwater Runoff for Golf Course Irrigation

Cutten Fields Golf Club was facing deficit irrigation situations during periods of drought and ensuing mandated reductions in water use. This unique solution not only provided Cutten Fields with a more consistent water supply but also reduced expenses to pump irrigation water from a nearby river.

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Fore The Golfer: Why Do Golf Courses Aerate So Much?

The word "aeration" stimulates negative emotions for many golfers. It may come as a surprise, but golf course superintendents also dislike aeration. After all, the last person who wants to disrupt the smoothness of the putting greens they work so hard to maintain is the superintendent. So, why is aeration needed?

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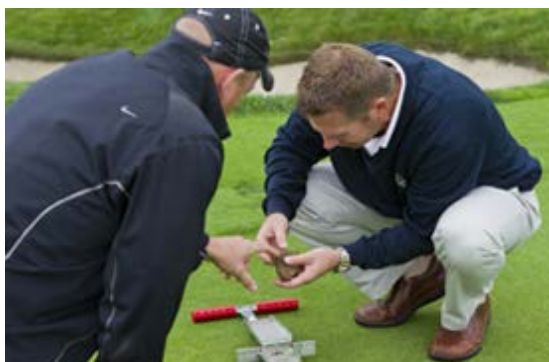


Video: Why Aerate The Greens?

Frustrated by the disturbance from aeration? Although the process can temporarily interrupt playing quality, aeration is a necessary practice that protects the functionality of playing surfaces and pays dividends in the form of improved playing quality year after year.

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