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Regional Updates



West Region

If bermudagrass fairways, approaches and roughs have not received aggressive dethatching by mid-August, time is running short to employ this important practice – here are a few techniques to consider.

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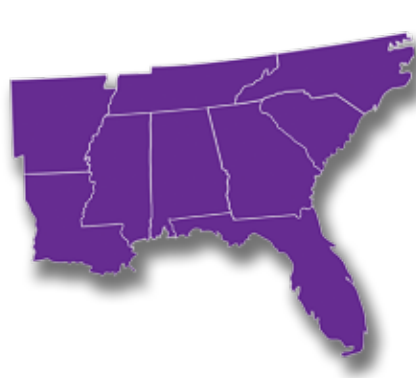

Northeast Region

With one month of summer left, many courses are preparing for aeration. Remember, while August aeration provides many benefits, it also carries some risks. Here are a few tips to help summer aeration go smoothly.

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Central Region

With menacing looks and a tendency to challenge anyone, cicada killer wasps can cause alarm. Understanding their biology and behavior can help avoid unnecessary control measures.

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Southeast Region

A soil profile sampler is a great way to see what is happening beneath the surface; but if you're really curious about the depth and quality of turf roots, a hole cutter and a garden hose are the way to go.

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In Case You Missed It

The challenging labor market is affecting golf courses everywhere. Whether struggling to find new employees or having difficulty retaining current staff, the Aug. 4, 2017, issue of the USGA *Green Section Record* presents helpful strategies to improve productivity and efficiency.

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Coming Up Next Issue

As illustrated by the Great Recession, the ramifications of a volatile economy have significantly affected the golf industry. The Sept. 1, 2017, issue of the USGA *Green Section Record* explores the creative solutions used by many golf courses to endure recent economic challenges.

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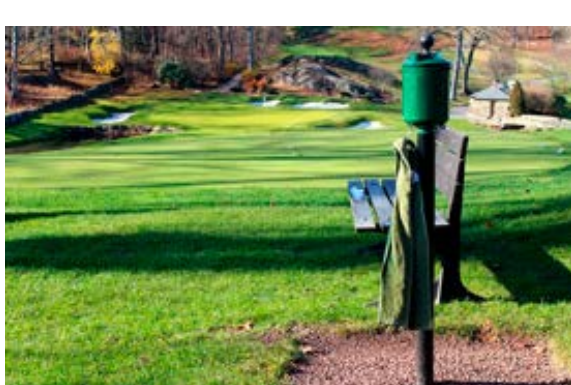
Fore The Golfer: Maintaining Quality Conditions With Fewer Workers

Maintaining a golf course takes a lot of work, but intense competition from other industries has made it difficult to find and retain skilled golf course maintenance personnel at all levels. Fortunately, some of these approaches have helped golf courses avoid passing the effects of a challenging labor market to golfers.

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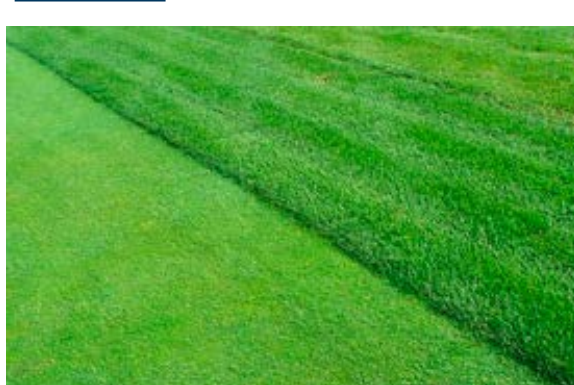

Green Section Collection: Nutrient And Pesticide Fate On The Golf Course

The USGA, through its dedication to promoting the health of the game, has supported decades of turfgrass and environmental research at universities across the United States. The latest USGA Green Section Collection highlights research conducted to better understand the fate of pesticides and fertilizers used on golf courses.

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Case Study: Eliminating Course Accessories Saves Time And Money

Golf course accessories are intended to offer convenience but do not overlook their direct and indirect costs. By reducing the number of golf course accessories and ornamental plantings, one New York golf course was able to realize far more than financial benefits. Discover how following their example could improve playing conditions.

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Case Study: The Benefits Of Eliminating Intermediate Rough

The appeal of intermediate rough is open to debate but what is not debatable are the savings realized at one Buffalo-area golf course after it was eliminated. The far-reaching benefits that were achieved have the potential to improve playing conditions while reducing expenses at facilities that decide to forego intermediate rough.

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