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Regional Updates



West Region

Maintenance equipment is expensive. Communicating to decision-makers the savings and improvements to playing conditions associated with investing in updated equipment can help justify capital expenditures.

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Northeast Region

Winter is fast approaching and keeping putting greens free of standing water will help turf survive harsh winter weather. Consider these popular strategies to improve your odds experiencing an injury-free winter.

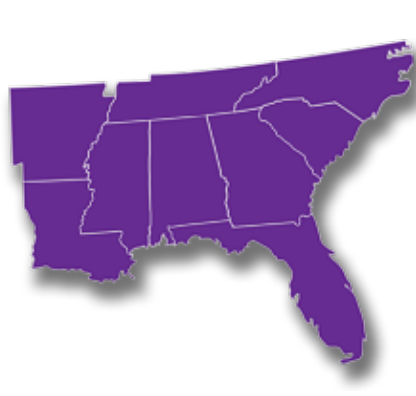
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Central Region

Applying a generous amount of sand topdressing to putting greens after they are treated for snow mold can create a cost-effective winter cover that provides valuable protection from winter desiccation.

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Southeast Region

Dr. Bruce Martin, an influential plant pathologist at Clemson University, will soon retire. In this interview with USGA Agronomist Patrick O'Brien, he reflects on his career and discusses areas for future research.

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In Case You Missed It

Recruiting and retaining the right, qualified assistant superintendent can be quite challenging. Whether looking externally or hiring from within, the trends featured in the Nov. 3, 2017, issue of the USGA *Green Section Record* will help facilitate the search.

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Coming Up Next Issue

Whether renovating an existing golf course or starting from scratch, the design of golf course features significantly influences both playing conditions and long-term maintenance costs. Unfortunately, predicting the implications of construction or renovation projects is complicated. The upcoming Dec. 1, 2017, issue of the USGA *Green Section Record* will provide guidelines to consider in an effort to optimize playing conditions and control long-term costs.

Latest From Course Care



Fore The Golfer: Golf Outings: Maintenance Needs Their Piece Of The Pie Too

Golf outings can be a critical source of revenue for many golf facilities, but hosting golf outings does not come without costs. Considering the direct and indirect costs of outings, especially on golf course maintenance departments, can help balance the importance of revenue streams with the efforts to provide optimal playing conditions.

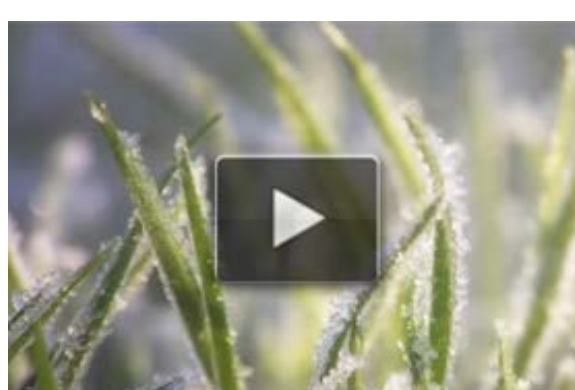
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Community Value Of Golf Courses Project

In 2015, the USGA announced that it was embarking on a five-year research partnership with the University of Minnesota to study and develop solutions to golf's present and future challenges. During a recent workshop researchers engaged with key stakeholders to investigate the natural capital values of golf courses. A summary of the workshop along with a fact sheet now are available.

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Fore The Golfer: Frost Delays And Turfgrass Health

The end of daylight saving time indicates that winter is right around the corner. As overnight temperatures begin to decline toward freezing in many parts of the country, early morning frosts have once again become commonplace. Learn more about how frost can affect golf and why frost delays are an important part of golf's shoulder seasons in many regions.

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Case Study: Using Covers To Help Protect Against Winter Injury

Winter can be a particularly threatening season for turfgrass, especially putting greens. Unfortunately, winter injury is difficult to defend against because it has various causes and is very unpredictable. After struggling with a series of harsh winters, discover how one Vermont golf course was able to reduce the occurrence and severity of winter injury.

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