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## Regional Updates



### West Region

Fall is the perfect time to establish a *Poa annua* and bentgrass putting green nursery using the cores generated during aeration. Although this may be an unfamiliar practice, these eight easy steps will guide you toward success.

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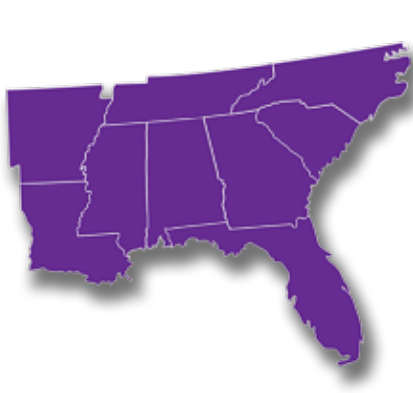

### Northeast Region

Modifying soil-based putting greens can provide significant, long-lasting benefits. Make sure to consider these deep root zone-modification options when deciding which is best for your particular needs.

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### Central Region

The stage has been set for fall armyworm outbreaks in many areas of the Central Region. Infestations can be sporadic, so frequent scouting is necessary to determine if, when and where control measures are needed.

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### Southeast Region

There are challenges and success stories each and every year. This update highlights a few on weed-control challenges, forward tees and an alternative bunker-raking method that is gaining nationwide popularity.

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### In Case You Missed It

Irrigation systems might be out of sight, but that doesn't mean they should be out of mind. The Oct. 6, 2017, issue of the *USGA Green Section Record* details a preventive maintenance schedule designed to improve the operational efficiency of irrigation systems.

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### Coming Up Next Issue

Regardless of location, golf courses across the United States face challenging labor conditions. In recent years, it has even become difficult to find and retain assistant superintendents. While many factors drive this trend, the Nov. 3, 2017, issue of the *USGA Green Section Record* explores some important considerations that can help courses address employment challenges.

## Latest From Course Care



### Fore The Golfer: More Is Less

Fairways can sometimes seem wet relative to surrounding areas, even after prolonged periods without rain. However, do not be too quick to cast blame on a superintendent; there are several factors – some more obvious than others – that might explain this phenomenon. Perhaps more interesting, some of the solutions may at first seem counterintuitive.

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### Golf's Use Of Water: Portable Moisture Meters

Choosing where and how much water to apply requires more than just a visual inspection of playing surfaces, so superintendents rely on a variety of tools to make irrigation decisions. Technology is rapidly improving the accuracy and precision of the tools they use. From measuring to mapping, discover how superintendents leverage technology to responsibly manage irrigation.

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### Case Study: Improved Water Storage And Efficient Irrigation

Upgrading an irrigation system often involves significant expenditures, but the investment often pays significant dividends. When Crystal Downs Country Club in Frankfort, Mich., upgraded its old irrigation infrastructure to a modern system, the course experienced drastic improvements in playing conditions along with other benefits that might be a little more unexpected.

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### Case Study: Leveling Sprinkler Heads Conserves Water and Improves Playing Quality

As irrigation systems age, inefficiencies often develop. Irrigation heads that have settled over time and become uneven relative to the areas they water can cause one such inefficiency: a decline in distribution uniformity. As the Country Club of Detroit (Mich.) discovered, leveling uneven irrigation heads can result in far more than improved uniformity.

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