

Regional Updates



West Region

Salinity damage on *Poa annua* putting greens can sneak up on you. Even though it's early spring, it is never too early to start monitoring salts in the soil. Proactively monitoring salts will ensure there are no surprises.

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Northeast Region

Spring cultivation is an important part of preparing playing surfaces for the upcoming season. However, if the weather is not conducive and turf is not actively growing, some adjustments might be necessary.

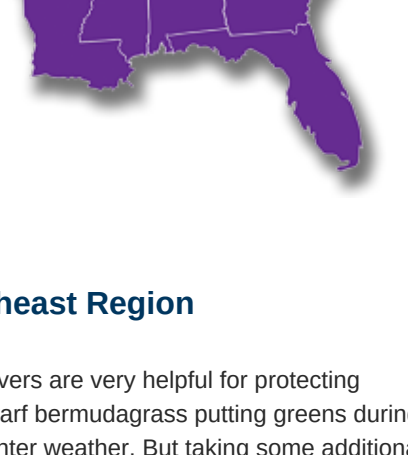
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Central Region

Does the long winter have you concerned about snow mold? Granular fungicide technology provides an effective option for early-spring turf disease control even when playing surfaces are too soft to accommodate a sprayer.

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Southeast Region

Turf covers are very helpful for protecting ultradwarf bermudagrass putting greens during cold winter weather. But taking some additional measures can further enhance your cold weather protection program.

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In Case You Missed It

Whether newly constructed or recently renovated, managing a new putting green can be particularly challenging. The April 6, 2018, issue of the *USGA Green Section Record* offers some guidance on critical putting green management practices.

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Coming Up Next Issue

Wetting agents can be a powerful tool, but they can also be quite confusing. To clear up some of the confusion, the May 4, 2018, issue of the *USGA Green Section Record* will explore the action and use of wetting agents as well as some of the challenges and misconceptions surrounding their use.

Multimedia Content

Audubon International



Monarchs In The Rough

Audubon International has partnered with the Monarch Joint Venture, the largest collaborative established to arrest the decline of monarch butterflies. Through their Monarchs in the Rough program, Audubon International is helping golf courses protect monarch populations by facilitating the establishment of monarch habitat. Visit the Monarchs in the Rough website for resources to get started.

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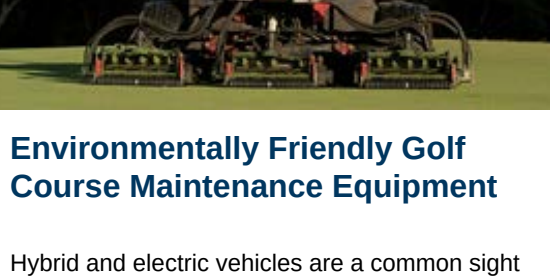


Golf Courses: Living Bio-Filters

Golf provides some significant benefits to society. It has a multibillion-dollar impact on the economy and has even been shown to provide positive impacts on both physical and mental health. But perhaps most importantly, golf courses themselves provide substantial environmental benefits. From filtering storm water to harboring wildlife, discover some of things golf courses have to offer their local communities.

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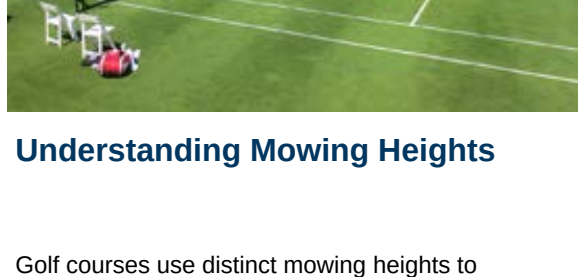


Environmentally Friendly Golf Course Maintenance Equipment

Hybrid and electric vehicles are a common sight on today's roadways, but did you realize that similar technology is being used to improve the efficiency of golf course maintenance equipment all while reducing harmful emissions? Discover how golf course maintenance equipment manufacturers are adopting technologies from the automotive industry to improve more than just playing conditions.

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Understanding Mowing Heights

Golf courses use distinct mowing heights to distinguish between different playing surfaces, some of which are so short that it's easy to forget golf is played on living plants. But achieving low mowing heights isn't easy; it takes specialized equipment and agronomic expertise. To help put things in perspective, compare a putting green to your home lawn. It's quite amazing what carefully managed grass can tolerate.

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Winter's Impact On The Putting Greens

Golfers are eager to start sinking par and birdie putts, but winter is having a long-lasting impact on putting greens this year. The Southeastern United States was particularly hard hit. Unfortunately, this may have an impact on spring playing conditions. Here's why you may notice some unexpected damage this year. Fortunately, the impacts of winter should be short lived.

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USGA Workshop



Putting Green Recovery From Winter Injury

Concerned about winter injury? The USGA is hosting a workshop at Pine Lakes Golf Course in Myrtle Beach to address the issue. The workshop is April 30, 2018, from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. EDT. USGA Agronomists will present information on recovering from and preventing winter injury on bermudagrass putting greens. Seats are limited. Register today at the link below.

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Registration is now open for Audubon International's fourth annual BioBlitz, an international species-counting competition designed to help you showcase the environmental value of the habitats on your golf course. The event is open to any golf course worldwide.

Hold your event on any day during BioBlitz and invite golfers and their families, youth groups, community members, and local environmental experts to count plant and animal species on your course. Register today to receive your BioBlitz toolkit – it has all the information needed to plan your event and engage the community around your course.

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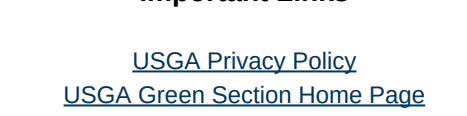


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