

Regional Updates



West Region

Courses can help discourage *Poa annua* from infiltrating bentgrass putting greens by physically removing turf contaminated with *Poa annua* from the surrounding area.

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Northeast Region

While superintendents are making their final plant protectant applications of the year, there is also an opportunity to improve *Poa annua* seedhead control next year.

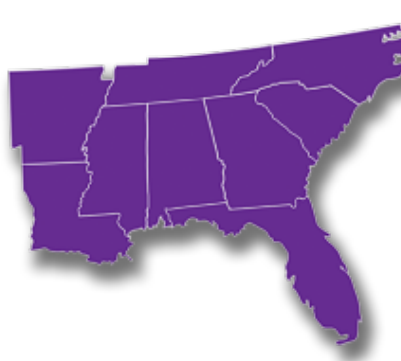
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Central Region

Leaf cleanup is in full swing for golf courses throughout the country. With millions of leaves to take care of and only so much time, deciding where to focus daily cleanup efforts is key.

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Southeast Region

As with a car, the longevity and performance of putting greens depends on routine maintenance. Extra care is required as putting greens age to maintain soil porosity and effective drainage.

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In Case You Missed It

Collecting and analyzing data is an important part of successful golf course maintenance. To gain a better understanding of the potential benefits and challenges in gathering putting green performance data, USGA agronomists worked with six golf courses to collect data on putting green performance indicators over time. The November 1, 2019, issue of the USGA *Green Section Record* describes the process, results and potential benefits.

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Coming Up Next Issue

Various plant protectants, plant growth regulators and biostimulants contain plant hormones or elicit hormone responses. Understanding how these hormones affect the turf plant and interact with each other is critical to successful management and avoiding unintended issues. The December 6, 2019, issue of the USGA *Green Section Record* discusses key plant hormones and how hormone responses can be manipulated with various products for maximum benefit.

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Fore The Golfer: Putting Greens Have Speed Limits Too

Putting green speeds have long been a hot topic. While there are many opinions on the subject, one thing is for certain – faster doesn't necessarily mean better. Every putting green has an architectural speed limit.

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Turf Tip



Use Data To Optimize Golf Course Management

Data collection and analysis can help you streamline maintenance practices and deliver better playing conditions. Tracking a few simple measurements doesn't take much time and can have a big impact.

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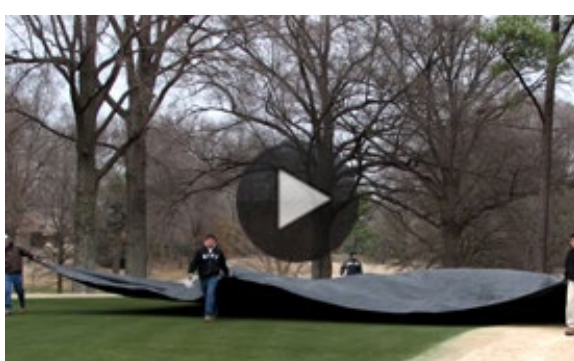


Defining Definition

Striped mowing patterns are common on golf courses, but how is striping done and does it impact playing conditions? While mowing patterns can help define playing surfaces, they should be used wisely to avoid increasing costs.

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Fore The Golfer: Winter Checklist

Reducing the risk of winter injury is a priority for golf course superintendents throughout the United States. Learn more about the various techniques they use to help golf courses stay in good shape until spring arrives.

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