

Regional Updates



West Region

A growing trend is to use slow-release nitrogen fertilizers on greens, tees, fairways and roughs. But what are the pros and cons of using slow release fertilizers?

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Northeast Region

The recent stretch of hot and wet weather is taking its toll on golf courses. One area that often shows more stress than others are small, heavily used practice greens.

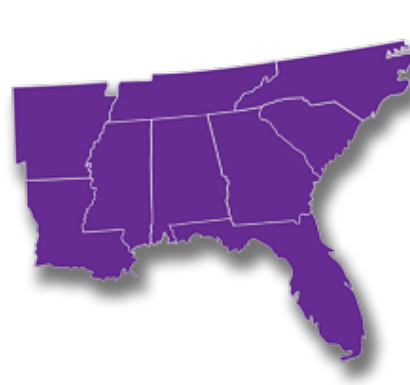
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Central Region

The ideal window for controlling bermudagrass in cool-season rough is starting to close. Now is the time to act before it is too late.

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Southeast Region

Single rider carts to maintain social distancing is likely to continue into the winter. Plan for the extra traffic now to mitigate turf decline.

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In Case You Missed It

Managing organic matter is critical to provide firm, healthy and reliable putting greens. New tools and research have some superintendents shifting away from traditional aeration and cultivation practices to less disruptive methods. The August 7, 2020, issue of the USGA *Green Section Record* details new trends in aeration and organic matter management and discusses their pros and cons.

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Coming Up Next Issue

If golfers are upset with the condition of the bunkers at your course, they have probably asked how the bunkers can be improved. The answer to this question is not always simple, and varies from course to course. Before you consider an expensive renovation, evaluate your bunkers and decide what ails them. The September 4, 2020 issue of the USGA *Green Section Record* details steps on how bunker playability can be improved without expensive renovation efforts.

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Troublesome greens—those with poor air, surface or sub-surface drainage—need to be given special attention during July and August. This 1954 article contains recommendations that still apply today.

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