

## Getting Your Grass Growing

Spring is trying to arrive and with it the anticipation of beautiful green expanses (and our attempts to bring them to perfection). While we wait to see how the turf stands have fared over the long winter dormancy, we begin to plan how to get the course in shape for the upcoming season. Because, even with the best-laid plans and all the precautions, turfgrass damage is inevitable with our difficult winters.

### Winter-damaged areas – the over-seeding response

Often the first reaction to winter-damaged areas is to incorporate seed and hope for a quick response. Typically, we watch the weather forecast, cross our fingers, and trust that Mother Nature will be on our side.

Unfortunately in the rush to prepare the bare ground areas, we overlook the accumulated growing degree days, and the seed doesn't have a chance to germinate. The time lost waiting for cold ground to germinate seed leads increases our anxiety as summer continues to march closer.

Another key consideration in renovating a turf area is the target date for being back in play. If a newly over-seeded area is put into play too soon, before it is well-established, you could spend the season in a battle to keep it alive.

In the areas critical to play you have another choice....

### Turfgrass sod to the rescue!

Regardless of whether you are re-establishing greens, tees or fairway surfaces, there is a turfgrass sod product available that will give you instant coverage. If you tally all the costs for the additional time spent tending to newly over-seeded bare ground areas, turfgrass sod is competitive. Plus there is the added advantage of having less risk with turfgrass sod. The area is immediately established and the time you save can be used for grooming the turf rather than attempting to re-establish it.

When planning a spring turf renovation, don't underestimate the value of using turfgrass sod. Turfgrass sod gives you the ability to renovate the damaged areas of the golf course quickly with the objective of keeping your clients satisfied. When compared to the stressful process of attempting to grow in grass using over-seeding, when all the odds are stacked against you, turfgrass sod really is priceless.



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