



### Hot Tips For This Summer

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**Issue:**

Scalping or thinning along the perimeter of the putting surface occur during periods of summer stress.

**Solution:**

Replace grooved front rollers on the mower with solid rollers to reduce stress and leaf tissue bruising. Slightly increase the height of cut to reduce the potential for scalping.



*It is common for superintendents to switch from using grooved front rollers on the mower and replace them with smooth rollers to reduce turf stress.*

**Issue:**

When keeping putting green soil moisture levels toward the dry end of the continuum, it can be a challenge to get multiple staff members on the same page with hand watering and syringing.

**Solution:**

Using hand-held soil moisture meters by all of the maintenance staff who check putting green moisture and apply water allows everyone to compare precise percentages and speak the same language.



*Hand-held moisture meters can help staff correlate "feel" to actual measurements.*

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