



The Road To Tree Management

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Power brooms can remove snow cover that prevents soil from freezing and define optimal routes to access winter tree work.

Golf courses across the northern U.S. often schedule annual tree maintenance during the coldest part of the year to minimize inconvenience to golfers and avoid damage to playing surfaces. Frozen ground provides the firm foundation needed to accommodate bucket trucks and other heavy equipment required to collect and transport large quantities of tree debris off the property.

Early snow cover can insulate turf and prevent the formation of deep frost in the soil despite long periods of frigid temperatures. Fortunately, there is a simple, effective solution to consider. An experienced operator, using a rotary power broom to remove snow cover, can define an efficient network of access roads to areas where tree maintenance is planned. The exposed areas freeze quickly during frigid weather, expanding the window of opportunity to complete major tree maintenance projects. Furthermore, if contractors are unfamiliar with the property, the highly visible routes help prevent unnecessary damage to high-value turf areas.

The value of timely tree maintenance cannot be overemphasized; it improves turf health, course appearance and playability. Particularly dramatic improvements in turf quality are frequently associated with removing trees that shade playing surfaces.

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