

CLIMATE CHANGE ...A CLOSER LOOK

Climate change is happening and humans are contributing to it.

How can greenkeepers become more environmentally friendly but still have the resources to be prepared for the freak weather conditions they are facing more and more frequently?

Land degradation and desertification is itself a contributor to climate change, responsible for about 30% of the world's greenhouse gas releases, as well as alterations in the water, temperature and energy balance of the planet.

In the press...

AS THE DROUGHT BITES, GOLF CLUBS TOLD: LET THE GREENS GO BROWN

The Independent 10/07/06

Greens are to become browner in a drive to make golf kinder to the environment. In a revolutionary move, the rulers of golf are telling courses around the world to become more environmentally friendly, in order to head off criticism and cope with global warming.

HOT SUMMERS DRY UP YOUR MONEY

Telegraph 17/10/06

Water shortages will cost British home owners and businesses billions of pounds a year as climate change causes summer temperatures to soar, a leading financial expert has warned.

WORST OF DROUGHT IS OVER?

Surrey & Berkshire Newspapers Ltd 23/06/06

The first glimmer of hope that the worst effects of the summer drought could be over came this week with the news that some local sports clubs are being allowed to turn their sprinklers back on.

SPORTS CLUBS CAN JUMP FOR JOY AS WATERING BAN EASED

SurreyOnline 7/06/06

Sports clubs in Dorking and Leatherhead are allowed to water pitches and greens, thanks to restrictions on them being eased.

DROUGHT ORDER TERMINATED

Enfield Independent 13/11/06

The drought order imposed by Sutton and East Surrey Water Company will cease to be valid from November 15 but the hosepipe ban will remain in place.

A spokesman for the Environment Agency said: "We do not know whether we are going to have another dry winter and the boreholes are still very, very depleted."

WATER COMPANIES LIFT HOSEPIPE BAN

BBC News 18/01/07

Four water firms in the south east of England are lifting their hosepipe bans after months of above average rainfall. Thames Water, Southern Water, Three Valleys Water and Sutton and East Surrey Water have lifted the ban, which affected more than 1.3m customers.

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

02/01/08

The Environment Agency's flood experts are working across the region inspecting flood banks and defences to make sure they are ready for the winter months.

COPING WITH A TOUGH SPRING

The Independent 23/04/08

It has been a very difficult spring for grass growth. Rainfall was well above normal in March and the first weeks of April. With day temperatures below normal and night frost last week, grass growth hardly stirred.

SPAIN SUFFERS WORST DROUGHT

CNN 21/04/08

Madrid, Spain (CNN) - Spain is reeling from its most severe drought in 70 years with the nation's reservoirs on average just half full, the Environment Ministry reports. Rainfall has been less than half of what's considered normal for the last six months...

PARK THE MOWER AND PLANT A PALM

The Sunday Times 04/05/08

The Met Office is to warn gardeners to plan for a warmer climate by cultivating drought-tolerant plants such as palms, olives and Mediterranean herbs to resign themselves to the death of the traditional lawn. It believes this year will be one of the hottest on record.