

WATER COST

An 18 hole golf course in the Chicago area will use on a yearly average 25 million gallons of water for the irrigation of the fairways, tees and greens. Where the water is pumped from a well which has a pumping water level of 100 feet below ground level the cost to produce 1000 gallons at ground surface is 1.30 cents, or \$325.00 for the entire 25 million gallons.

The above indicates that the water cost, when pumped from a well, lake or river, is an extremely small part of the maintenance budget; however when golf course irrigation water is purchased from a city at a cost of 20 or 40 cents per 1000 gallons the cost comes quite high and courses that do use city water should look into the feasibility of developing their own well water supply for it only takes a few years when the saving in well water costs over cost of city water pays for the well and well pump.

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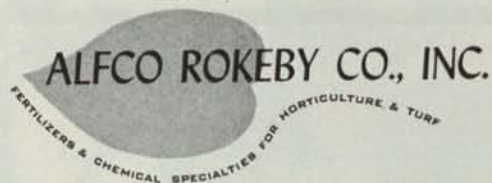
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