



*"Conditions this fall were absolutely phenomenal for construction, especially for remodeling an established golf course," said GolfVisions' Tom Jauch, project manager for the Glen View Club renovation. "We were able to do a nice job with feature construction and minimize construction damage to the course."*

The bottom line, according to the water resource experts: expect this fall to have some impact on next spring's conditions. At this time, however, it remains unclear whether the repercussions will be mild or severe.


Joel Johnson, president of Nels Johnson Tree Experts, hopes that advice dispensed this fall will prevent any widespread losses. "We encouraged people to soak trees, evergreens and shrubs to bring up the moisture in the soil," Joel explained. "A lot of trees withstand dry periods, even drought, and come back. I don't feel we're in a dire position yet. We might see some effects, sure,

but probably subtle ones—like more deadwood or dieback, and new growth next year could be less than this year."

Meanwhile, in the aftermath of this record-breaking autumn, superintendents are getting ready for anything, come spring.

"What will be interesting is what effects this all may have on over-wintering insects and their activity levels next year," remarked Dan Dinelli. "Some other plant material may also be damaged due to dryness. Evergreens and newly planted material, if not watered late into this fall, may suffer through the winter and spring months."

Rick Reed, who stopped buying plants this fall as it became "later and later, and drier and drier," expressed hopes for another shot of rain like early December's 1.5" rainfall. "The worst-case scenario would be going into cold weather without moisture and snow cover," Rick said. "That could lead to major desiccation, major turf loss."

Tom Morgansen, too, had a wish list heading into mid-December. "I'd like to have a few more inches of rain, then two feet of snow cover. Snow would protect the turf and keep golfers off the course." 

*Agreed Jeff, "The dry fall was a bonus for construction. We were able to work almost continuously from August 2 through December 1. I think we lost only four working days during this period."*







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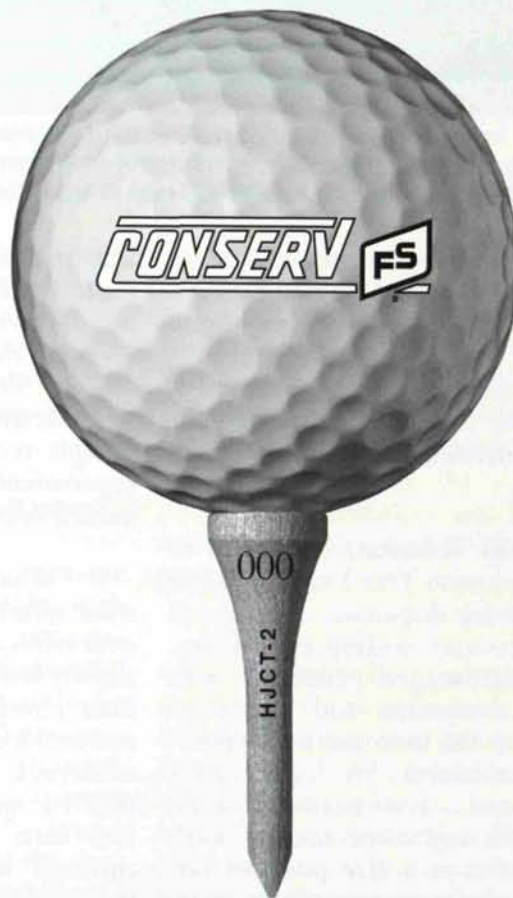


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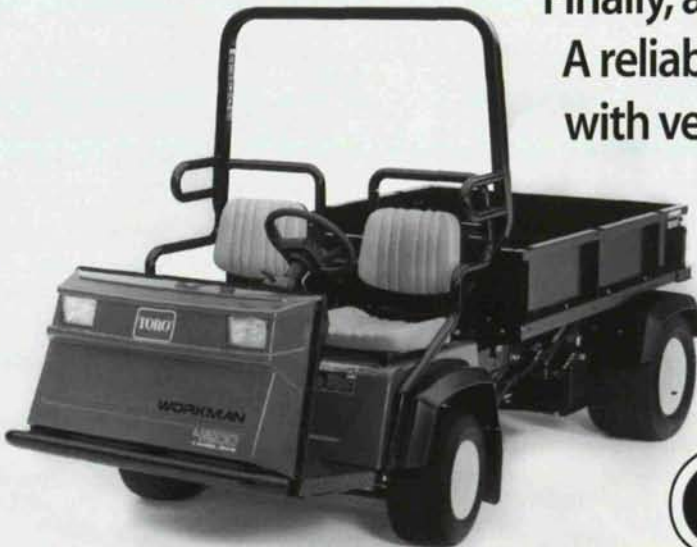
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