

The modern super's and assistant super's offices

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WILLIAMSBURG, Va. — The "information age" is alive and well in the golf course maintenance business as almost every conceivable modern office implement is being used with resounding success.

The assistant superintendent's office work area often consists

of a computer-operated irrigation system, which now includes Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) software, along with the usual color monitor and color printer.

Two-way radio base stations,

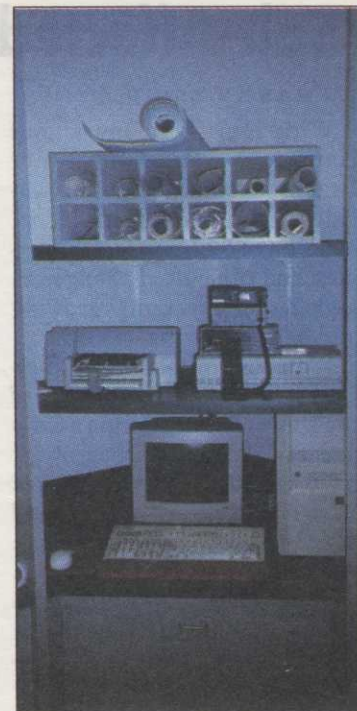


that many times have their own repeater system or one rented from a community repeater, connect with the new PCS portable two-way radios, complete with

touch pads for operating the irrigation system, along with cellular telephone, paging and caller ID capabilities.

Blueprint files can also be incorporated into an assistant's built-in work station, making almost everything within easy reach.

The superintendent's office



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often includes such apparatuses as:

- a personal-size color photocopying machine;
- color television with built-in VCR, which is usually hooked up to cable television or small satellite dish, to receive The Weather Channel (the TV/VCR is usually used for employee training videos as well);
- a weather computer with color monitor and battery-operated weather radio for up-to-the-minute meteorological information.
- a separate personal computer (PC) for the superintendent word processing, record-keeping and to keep the irrigation system computer free to operate the sprinklers without any computer glitches.

This office PC can use the "all-in-one" machine that faxes, color scans, photocopies and prints. Most turf managers use the Internet daily, accessing web sites and e-mailing fellow superintendents, sharing ideas while saving money on long-distance telephone calls.

PC notebooks are now the rage, with endless option capabilities for the ultimate in time/motion efficiency.

Cellular digital telephones, cordless telephones, digital pagers, voice mail and digital answering machines round out the modern efficient office environment.

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