



“We compost leaves to make a better top dressing than we could buy... without paying a cent for humus.”

So says Steve Kristof, Supt. of Charles River Country Club, Newton Centre, Mass. He adds, “We’ve been mixing leaf mold in with our top dressing since 1967. With a mixture of 60% sand, 20% soil and 20% leaf mold, we’ve had excellent results.

“We apply top dressing to greens and greens’ areas four to five times a year . . . to tees more often. This results in instant greening. It also controls disease . . . helps consume thatch . . . and definitely controls fungus.”

The Charles River course is heavily treed with oaks so there are plenty of leaves to collect. They are stacked in windrows (6-ft. x 8-ft.) on a 10,000 sq. ft. clearing only 300 yards from the course. With the windrows turned twice yearly, Mother Nature does the rest. In less than 3 years, the leaves decompose into a rich, black leaf mold. A Royer 120 Shredder with a PTO drive is used to shred and mix the leaf mold with soil and sand. The mixture is then processed with a Royer Power Screen to produce a fine, homogeneous top dressing.

“Using leaf mold pays off,” says Tommy McKniff, Asst. Superintendent. “We avoid paying \$5 a yard for pur-

chased humus and we do not have to pay for hauling leaves from the course as other clubs in the area are doing.”

The how’s and why’s of leaf composting are fully explained in Royer literature. We’ll be glad to send this data to you along with information on Royer Shredders and Power Screens. Write or phone.



Tommy McKniff checks richness of 3-yr. old leaf mold.

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Lofts Pedigreed Seed, Inc. Announces New York Office

Peter Loft, president of Lofts Pedigreed Seed, Inc., Bound Brook, N.J. has announced the opening of Loft/New York, 4292 Albany St., Albany, N.Y. 12205.

Loft/New York will serve the professional and retail trade of the tri-city area with Lofts’ complete line of bulk and packaged seed as well as Lofts’ lawn care products.

The New York office and distribution center will also be the packaging headquarters for Lofts’ introduction into the retail flower and vegetable small package seed market. Loft/New York will be headed by Ray Bentley, assisted by his son Lance, and John diPalma. Ray is well-known in the seed industry, having over 30 years experience with Lofts, Stover Seed and Asgrow Seed Co.

Credibility with Employers Will Upgrade Superintendent

The first priority in upgrading the superintendent and giving him more job security is the upgrading of the local superintendents’ organization and establishing its credibility with the golf course employer, according to Roy Stoddard, superintendent at Soboba Springs Country Club, San Jacinto, Calif.

“Unless we can convince the employer that we are a group of professionals who as a group can render a valued service to them in their choice of superintendent, our support of a superintendent will be of little value,” Stoddard said.

He said the best route to follow is for superintendents to back the certification of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America and for the local chapter to increase its rapport with the golf courses in its area to the point that the credibility of the chapter and its members will be increased to where local support will have a meaning. His comments were reported in the newsletter of the Hi-Lo Desert Golf Course Superintendents Association.