

Tree Planting Guidelines—

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Guideline No. 9: Try to naturalize the appearance of large tree planting by randomizing the distance between each tree. A good way to develop a randomized tree planting would be to hit several dozen golf balls into a rough area from a distance of 200 yards. Then place a small flag where each ball has landed and selectively remove one flag at a time until there are an appropriate number left.

Guideline No. 10: To prevent unnecessary neglect of newly planted trees, never plant more than the maintenance staff can adequately maintain. During the first year of establishment, small trees require extra attention and frequent hand-watering during the summer. If you must purchase trees in large numbers due to cost, it might be best to establish a tree nursery near the maintenance facility where they can be easily cared for. Then over the next several years, slowly spread them over the course.

Summary: Remember that a good tree-planting program on any course starts with a long-range plan. What makes a golf course different from a park or from your front yard is the presence of sensitive putting greens and the integrity of the fame.

The agronomic impact of misplaced trees is commonly seen in the form of shade, root competition and poor air circulation. Thoughtful tree planting should not only improve the appearance and playability of your course, but more importantly, remove the thorn from your superintendent's side.

—Paul Vermuelen, USGA



Kerry Glader Joins Staff Of Precision Turf

Precision Turf and Chemical, Inc., Plymouth, Minn., has announced the expansion of its customer support team with the addition of Kerry Glader.

A 20-year-plus veteran of the golf course industry, Glader has had considerable experience as a golf course superintendent at various private country clubs. In addition, he served on the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association for 11 years, two of them as president.

"Many of you know Kerry from different working experiences, and we are sure that you will find him helpful and knowledgeable," said Dave Krupp, president of Precision Turf. "We are confident that this expansion will help us better service our customers."



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