

Nuts for Nuts!

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Are your mowers becoming clogged with copious amounts of acorns in the fall? Does your staff spend an enormous amount of time clearing greens, tees and fairways of Oak tree fruit and walnuts? Are your squirrels getting fat and sassy gathering, eating and burying these nuts in your fine turf?

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Fifteen minutes worth of nuts.

If so, you might be interested in a service provided for FREE by Shane Pinter of Pinter Landscaping. Yes, I said FREE.

The second week of September I was contacted by young nurseryman from Iowa regarding the removal of acorns from my course. Curious as to the "catch" involved in the

process I requested more information. Shane came to my course, introduced himself and asked for the opportunity to harvest oak tree seeds from my course during. He then processes the nuts and offers them to the forestry industry for reforestation projects.

For two weeks each fall Shane and typically one helper, travel progressively north from the southern Iowa border stopping and collecting acorns through out the different growing zones all the way to International falls. From day-break to sun set they use specialized pecan harvest machines to scoop and contain over 30 pick up truck loads, or 800 bushels, of fruit. These acorns, gathered and sorted according to the tree they were taken from, are then washed and "floated" for viability. The healthy crop is then refrigerated until purchased for planting by a variety of state Departments of Natural Resources.

Golf courses are Shane's favorite pickup spot due to the ease of removal and quantity of product.

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(Editor's Note: If you are interested in providing Shane with access to your crop, contact him at Pinter Landscaping, 16267 Yankee Avenue, Cresco, Iowa, 52136.)



Pinter Landscaping "going nuts!"