

## ELIMINATE GUESSWORK WHEN SPRING FEEDING

Spring fertilization varies greatly on a number of factors. Cultural practices performed, soil amendments made, irrigation and drainage upgrades, fertilizers applied, and what happened last fall plays a significant role with this season's success. However, having a sound fertility program will provide you with your best chance of success for the upcoming season.

Typically, spring applications are applied after the early flush of shoot growth has occurred, but predicting spring weather can be a challenge when it comes to soil and air temperature, and precipitation. That's why choosing a fertilizer that performs in cool climates is so vital.

The nitrogen applied with UMAXX, a top performer in cool weather, is plant available as soon as watering in occurs. In addition, what the plant does not immediately use will be held onto the soil colloid as a reserve for future use.



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This is a drastic change from other fertilizers.

Coated products are a great example of fertilizers that don't offer immediate plant nutrition and are subject to leaching once the protective coating breaks down.

Still other products rely on a process called mineralization, depending on soil microbes to break down nitrogen. Whereas soil microbes aren't fully active until the soil temperature reaches 55 degrees – which might not happen until late spring depending on the region – UMAXX begins working immediately and is not dependent on soil temperature for nitrogen release.

Although fine-tuning a spring fertilization program varies on many factors, its importance will be felt all summer long and even into the fall. The benefit of using an all-weather, long-lasting performer such as UMAXX provides immediate benefits, as well as a positive long-term impact. UMAXX gives the freedom to apply as a nitrogen component in a blend or part of a soluble fertilizer program. UMAXX offers consistent performance regardless of temperature or application type.

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### Assistant Superintendents:

### *It's Important to Submit Your External Education Approval Codes*

Assistant Superintendents: Are you submitting your external education approval codes? By submitting those approval codes, you are jump starting your advancement through GCSAA membership levels by recording points that count towards entry requirements into Class A. It's not too late to record those approval codes: Simply submit them via the online education point affidavit found in the **My Points** section of the website.

### *Superintendent Norma O'Leary's Curling Team Wins Championship in New York*

Norma O'Leary's curling team won the U. S. Women's Club National Championships in Utica, New York and in Marchand tied for 6th place in the U. S. Olympic Trials in Denver. "My team lost 4 games by one point at the Olympic Trials. If we could have gotten another break or two, and won two of those four games we would have made the playoff round." said Norma, who is Superintendent at Silver Bay Golf Course in Silver Bay, Minn.

O'Leary added that "the Championship game from the New York was webstreamed on-line by NBC Sports and the United States Olympic Committee. A bunch of people got together at the Two Harbors Curling Club and watched our game live on the internet. It was pretty cool. My husband couldn't stand to watch though, so he went home and then got a play-by-play of the last end over the telephone. Fortunately, we won on the last shot!"

### *Do You Have a Golfer at Your Course That You Seem to See Every Day?*

Think that golfer plays a lot of golf? Think again. After posting the most rounds played in an association in 2007 with 502 rounds, Jim Mahoney, of Waverly, Ga., did it again last year with a whopping 711 rounds. So who is this guy? Really, just a guy who likes to play. He plans to cut back to one round a day this year, focus on practice and lower his handicap.

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