

Additional requirements must be met to store or use mini-bulk containers (greater than 55 gallons).

For more details: <http://www.mda.state.mn.us/Global/MDADocs/licensing/chemicals/minibulk.aspx>

Enforcement

Due to the potential health and environmental risks associated with the lack of proper storage, disposal, and container management, please be advised that documented non-compliance may result in additional enforcement, including financial penalties. Also, be advised that the violations shown above are commonly documented during routine inspections at golf courses.

For additional information and/or examples of small package storage requirements, refer to MDA's fact sheet, Pesticide and Fertilizer Storage: Small Package Requirements at:

<http://www.mda.state.mn.us/chemicals/~~/media/Files/chemicals/pesticides/smlpkg.pdf>

Thank You,

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Are you in compliance?

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Within the Leather

by David Kazmierczak, CGCS

The sign saying “Golf Course” with a simple arrow pointing the way off Highway 385

was in sight. It was another glorious morning in the Black Hills of South Dakota on a slow Tuesday morning. The entire family was packed into our minivan, and it was last day of our short vacation to visit my parents who reside in this wonderful part of the world.

As we turned into the parking lot I could make out a small machine on the first fairway at Tomahawk Country Club. Now, Tomahawk Country Club is the local course for Deadwood, South Dakota. It is quaint little nine-hole course open to the public all the time. The only thing “country club” about it is it’s out in the country, and it’s a golf club. Nothing else. It is the course my grandparents took me to play when we visited as a kid, and I guess it really was the course I grew up on, if there was one, so today was going to be kind of special as I hadn’t played the course in quite some time.

After parking, the small machine suddenly looked quite lager as it made its

way to the first tee. Indeed it was a turf vehicle with a core sweeper attached. They had aerified the first and ninth fairways, visible from the clubhouse.

“Crap,” I thought as I mentioned it out loud to the minivan’s passengers. I related to all that we could go play somewhere else if desired but, as always, the decision fell upon my narrow shoulders on whether or not to still play at Tomahawk. Not wanting to be the guy I have become to detest, you know, the guy who always whines at you when you aerify at your course, I decided we could tough it out, no big deal, that’s what I always tell our pro shop.

“Really, it’s just cores, all they have to do is shoo then out of the stance and roll the ball, no big deal,” is always my pat answer.

We loaded everybody up, paid our green fees and off we went. After teeing off and looking at the area swept up already two observations popped into my head. The first was that in two weeks, I would be doing the exact same thing and the other was that it was far too early in the day for these guys to be using that sweeper! The fairway had turned to a mud bowl. If the guy was sweeping anything, it was an upset. Most of the cores were simply being smeared all over the fairway. I think he figured