

Turf Solutions

Spring Bowling Green Maintenance

Now that the better weather has arrived it is time to carry out the final turf preparations for the start of the bowling season. The Scotts Company will be happy to carry out a free soil analysis to help the turf manager plan nutrition input. Other services Scotts can offer include: disease identification, agronomic reports, water analysis, and general advice on turf maintenance. We also offer a free used container collection service. A Scott's Area Sales Manager will be happy to visit you to discuss your requirements.

Spring Bowling Green Maintenance Tips:

1. Prepare and over-sow any areas of the green that did not recover from the autumn renovation, use a recommended fine turf mixture .
2. Depending on weather conditions give the turf a light scarification treatment to remove any coarse grass and moss.
3. Consider a light top dressing treatment at this stage (after strong growth has occurred), make sure that the material is worked well into the surface.
4. Apply first fertiliser treatment. This should be in a granular form. Scotts Greenmaster Autumn 6.5.10 or Scotts Greenmaster Invigorator 4.0.8 or Greenmaster Double K 7.0.14 are good early spring starter fertilisers. Water in after application.
5. Start to bring the height of cut down slowly to desired level.
6. Consider the use of a wetting agent programme to help prevent dry patch later in the year. Scotts new H2Pro wetting agent can be used on a monthly, bi-monthly or a one off annual treatment.
7. Once play is up and running use Scotts Greenmaster Liquids to maintain healthy growth throughout the season without 'flushes' of growth or granule pick up.
8. Carry out fortnightly light 'sarrel' rolling to keep the surface well aerated
9. Switch greens daily to remove dew, this helps to prevent disease activity
10. Occasional brushing treatments can help to create a healthy upright sward.
11. Watch out for disease attacks, Fusarium patch can start up quickly at this time of year. Heritage fungicide is now available in cost effective small packs.

Watch out for attacks from leather jackets during the spring period. Leather jacket grubs (Crane Fly Larvae) can cause severe surface problems including yellowing turf and even die back. Use Scotts Crossfire to treat.



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