



## New Construction Video Available

THE Green Section is pleased to announce the availability of a new video, *Building a USGA Green*. This 22-minute video provides an overview of the construction and renovation of a putting green from preparation of the site and initial grading to final seeding or sprigging. The discussion includes shaping, drainage, determining the need for an intermediate layer, and rootzone blending.

For nearly 40 years the USGA recommendations for putting green construction have been used for green construction around the world. When built and maintained properly, USGA greens have provided consistently good results for golf courses over a period of many years. This construction method represents the best insight and practical experiences of the Green Section staff and soil scientists from around the world.

The video is available through the USGA Order Department by calling 1-800-336-4446. The cost is \$16.95 for USGA members and \$19.95 for non-members, plus shipping and handling charges. The video is available in both VHS and PAL formats.

## USGA Green Section Region Updates

ARE YOU looking for a way to keep up with the latest successes and problems of your neighboring golf courses? Look no further than the Green Section portion of the USGA website.

Throughout the year, the USGA Green Section agronomists will be writing regular updates for the website on the latest agronomic activities occurring in their regions. The topics will be as diverse as the golf courses visited by the agronomists, and will cover everything from acidic soils, algae, and armadillo damage to zinc deficiency, zoysiagrass, and zone irrigation control. Given the far-reaching places our agronomists visit, it's guaranteed there will be a few surprises included along the way.

You will find the USGA website at <http://www.usga.org>. The Green Section bullet will take you into all of the programs the Green Section is involved with. The regional updates are found under the Turf Advisory Service tab.

Visit regularly to find out what's happening within our world. You never know what kind of tips you might find.

## Physical Soil Testing Laboratories\*

The following laboratories are accredited by the American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA), having demonstrated ongoing competency in testing materials specified in the USGA's Recommendations for Putting Green Construction. The USGA recommends that only A2LA-accredited laboratories be used for testing and analyzing materials for building greens according to our guidelines.

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