

TURF TALK

October 2017

Fall Issue

Overseed Reminders

- ◆ The first mowing after overseeding occurs as soon as possible after seeding, without affecting the integrity of the green, usually in the afternoon..
- ◆ It takes approximately 3 weeks for mowing heights to return to normal.
- ◆ For the first 8 days there are “watering windows” throughout the day necessary to fully establish the seed.
- ◆ Overseed continues to mature and thicken until January when it’s fully developed.

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We'd like to thank all of you for your patience during a highly abnormal time after Irma. All of our maintenance crews have worked extremely hard to return our courses to their normal expected levels. We are thankful the golf courses helped protect the community from the large volumes of water we received. In that regard, they performed exactly as they were designed and engineered. Our primary focus after the storm was to lower the basin levels on the golf courses and throughout the community for the overall safety of everyone. Secondly was to ensure the golf courses were safe and lastly playable. We are proud of the role the courses played and even prouder of how all involved responded in returning them to safe and playable conditions.

Over the summer, we completed numerous course renovation projects and made great strides on the quality and conditioning of our turf areas.

Looking forward, the fall overseed process is fast approaching! Last year, based on several factors we made the decision to not overseed fairways. This proved to be a very beneficial decision, as our fairways have benefitted greatly. As the Bermuda grass did not have to “compete” with the overseed grass, it has overall grown much stronger than it was at this time last year. We were able to eliminate some weed pressure we would have otherwise been unable to do with overseeded fairways. Lastly, we all benefited during the “transition” time in late spring with enhanced conditions. Based on these successes, we will not be overseeding fairways this season either. We also made the decision to not overseed the greens at Cane Garden last year to allow us the opportunity to improve their quality through elimination of the weed pressures they were experiencing and we made great strides. We have decided to not overseed again this year at Cane Garden to continue the progress of the greens. Additionally, we will not overseed the greens at Havana for similar reasons, and look forward to similar results! Our strategic plan to enhance the fairways will once again entail the raising of the height of cut and the application of plant pigments which will help support the Bermuda grass and provide enhanced color during the winter months. We will also be taking additional steps this year, based on what we learned last year to continue to enhance our fairways’ year around!

Your Hometown superintendents are working tirelessly behind the scenes to accomplish these objectives, please take a moment to thank them next time you see one on the course! Please visit www.GolfTheVillages.com for overseeding schedules and additional information, or stop by your favorite golf shop!



2017 OVERSEED SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Country Club	Country Club	Executive	Executive	Executive
13-Oct	Fri	Orange Blossom		Turtle Mound	Sarasota	Briarwood
14-Oct	Sat	Orange Blossom	Hacienda	Turtle Mound	Sarasota	Briarwood
15-Oct	Sun	Orange Blossom	Hacienda	Turtle Mound	Sarasota	Briarwood
16-Oct	Mon		Hacienda	Sandhill	Escambia	Walnut Grove
17-Oct	Tue			Sandhill	Escambia	
18-Oct	Wed			Sandhill	Escambia	
19-Oct	Thu			Saddlebrook	Volusia	Yankee Clipper
20-Oct	Fri	Evans Prairie		Saddlebrook	Volusia	Yankee Clipper
21-Oct	Sat	Evans Prairie	Palmer Legends	Saddlebrook	Volusia	Yankee Clipper
22-Oct	Sun	Evans Prairie	Palmer Legends	Hawkes Bay	Okeechobee	Southern Star
23-Oct	Mon		Palmer Legends	Hawkes Bay	Okeechobee	Southern Star
24-Oct	Tue			Hawkes Bay	Okeechobee	Southern Star
25-Oct	Wed			De La Vista	Pimlico	
26-Oct	Thu			De La Vista	Pimlico	
27-Oct	Fri			De La Vista	Pimlico	
28-Oct	Sat	Havana	Lopez Legacy	Tarpon Boil	CH Greens	Mira Mesa
29-Oct	Sun	Havana	Lopez Legacy	Tarpon Boil	CH Greens	Mira Mesa
30-Oct	Mon		Lopez Legacy	Tarpon Boil	CH Greens	Mira Mesa
31-Oct	Tue			Redfish Run	Belmont	Chula Vista
1-Nov	Wed			Redfish Run	Belmont	Chula Vista
2-Nov	Thu			Redfish Run	Belmont	Chula Vista
3-Nov	Fri			Bonita Pass		
4-Nov	Sat	Cane Garden	Belle Glade	Bonita Pass		Sweetgum
5-Nov	Sun	Cane Garden	Belle Glade	Bonita Pass		Mangrove
6-Nov	Mon		Belle Glade			Mangrove
7-Nov	Tue				Bogart	Mangrove
8-Nov	Wed				Bacall	Palmetto
9-Nov	Thu				Bacall	Palmetto
10-Nov	Fri	Glenview			Bacall	Palmetto
11-Nov	Sat	Glenview	Tierra del Sol	Silver Lake	Amberwood	Roosevelt
12-Nov	Sun	Glenview	Tierra del Sol	Silver Lake	Amberwood	Truman
13-Nov	Mon		Tierra del Sol	Silver Lake	Amberwood	Truman
14-Nov	Tue			Hilltop	Oakleigh	Truman
15-Nov	Wed			Hilltop	Oakleigh	Gray Fox
16-Nov	Thu			Hilltop	Oakleigh	Gray Fox
17-Nov	Fri	Bonifay		El Diablo	Heron	Gray Fox
18-Nov	Sat	Bonifay	Mallory Hill	El Santiago	Pelican	Red Fox
19-Nov	Sun	Bonifay	Mallory Hill	El Santiago	Pelican	Red Fox
20-Nov	Mon		Mallory Hill	El Santiago	Pelican	Red Fox

Notes:

Golf Courses are Closed during listed dates

Please plan on approximately 2 weeks for courses to return to normal mowing heights/patterns

Fairways will not be Overseeded at any courses.

Greens will NOT be Overseeded

Schedule subject to change*

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