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Publications from the Michigan State University College of Agriculture & Natural Resources, MSU Turf and Landscape Digest, MSU Pest Management Digest, MSU Gardening in Michigan Digest and the USGA Green Section have been recently released. The Michigan Turfgrass Foundation is proud to share recent news and support these exceptional turf related programs at Michigan State University and turf related organizations throughout our industry.

MSU GARDENING IN MICHIGAN DIGEST

Will my turf recover from recent flooding?



Recent rainfall events caused flooding on golf courses, lawns and other turf areas. Depending on how long the turf was submerged and whether soil deposition occurred will determine whether turf survives.

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Timing crabgrass preemergence applications in spring

Spring is off to a slow start this year but there are always questions regarding the optimum timing for applying crabgrass preemergence herbicides. There are several different methods used for determining the optimum application timing from tracking growing degree days (GDD) to looking for forsythia bush flower bloom.

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USGA GREEN SECTION RECORD

Fighting Firmness in Bunkers



Bunkers are truly a challenge for the average golfer and extremely firm sand can make things even tougher. On many of my USGA Course Consulting Service visits a common complaint is overly compacted bunker sand. Most golfers assume there is not enough sand in the bunkers and think they are bouncing their wedge off the hard soil or liner underneath.

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The Ups and Downs of Spring Course Conditions

FORE THE GOLFER



Spring is an exciting time for golfers everywhere. Unfortunately, our enthusiasm for playing golf in the spring often outpaces the return of normal course conditions. Spring is a time of transition and there can definitely be some ups and downs when it comes to playability. Here are a few things to expect on the course this spring

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MSU PEST MANAGEMENT DIGEST

MSU investigating oak wilt as the cause of sudden chestnut tree decline

Oak leaves showing oak wilt symptoms: Browning or bronzing of leaf tips and margins while the lower part of the leaf remains green (indicates oak wilt is present but requires a lab diagnosis to confirm). Photo by Monique Sakalidis, MSU.

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MSU TURF AND LANDSCAPE DIGEST

Wildfire-resistant landscape plants can protect your home



Spring is known for being a time of increased incidence of forest and wildfires because the trees, grasses and other plants are dry or dead from winter desiccation. Additionally, climate change is a factor in more frequent wildfires

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