

Anthracnose Leaf Blight Disease.

Preventive practices.

- *Mowing height.* INCREASE THE MOWING HEIGHT.

On putting greens with a history of disease problems, maintain the mowing height to as high as 1/4-inch. Preferably use a small walk-behind greens mower.

Use a SOLID roller instead of a grooved one.

- *Nitrogen fertilization.* The annual rate of nitrogen SHOULD BE NO LOWER THAN 2 TO 3 POUNDS per 1000 square feet, and NO HIGHER THAN 6 POUNDS.

Fertilize more often, but at lower rates, in order to provide good growth. Do not deprive turf of nitrogen during the summer months.

- *Syringing.* Perform SYRINGING several times per day when temperatures are high.

- *Aeration and verti-cutting at the beginning of the season.* For annual bluegrass, perform an INTENSIVE VERTI-CUTTING to stimulate new growth AT THE BEGINNING OF SPRING. One to two weeks later, perform an INTENSIVE CORE AERATION. In early June, once seed-head production has ended, CORE AERATE A SECOND TIME in order to stimulate the development of roots.

- *Summer aeration.* Throughout the entire summer, perform SOLID TINE AERATION every two weeks.

- *Wetting agent.* Reduce excess water in the soil by using Primer.

- *Topdressing.* Avoid the abrasive effects of topdressing.

- *Fungicides.* Avoid the exclusion of fungicides, such as Daconil (chlorothalonil), from a PREVENTIVE maintenance program.

