

Recovering From Crown Hydration

After reading the regional update given by Bob Varek from the USGA regarding the pattern of winter weather recently, our regional sales representative felt compelled to make superintendents aware of available options. There was indeed ice damage and crown hydration when our recent winter's warm period with rainfall was followed by bitter cold temperatures.

Last spring brought some crown hydration damage to Steve Hammon from Traverse City Golf and Country Club. Steve utilized the accelerated recuperative power that is found in Progressive Turf liquid fertilizers.

Steve Hammon writes:

The thirteenth green at Traverse City Golf and Country Club was hammered by crown hydration last spring. After speaking with many sales representatives on the best way to gain the quickest recovery, I decided to use **Turf Foundation, 10-3-5** from Progressive Turf.

Starting on April 1, 2004, we applied 10-3-5 foliar applications at 18 oz. per 1,000 square feet rate every seven days for five weeks. We had the usual cold, wet and cloudy weather we always get in April and May. I had a temporary green in place while we did everything imaginable to increase our recovery time: verticutting, topdressing, slit seeding, light grooming, raised the cutting height, night time covers, starter fertilizer, newsletter and pro shop updates to the members, light afternoon watering, fungicide applications and weekly spike aerification.

I really did not know how good my results were from the Progressive Turf product until I tried another liquid fertilizer in the sixth and seventh week. The difference in recovery was truly amazing. I switched back to Progressive and we opened the 13th green on June 10th for our members.

“The two best things I did was use the Progressive Turf product every seven days and sent frequent updates to the membership about our progress, good or bad.”

--Steve Hammon, Traverse City Country Club est 1915

What Is So Special About Progressive Turf?

Progressive Turf is unique in its ability to promote lateral growth and fill-in ability due to the fact that our nutrient base is derived from a patents pending soybean and proprietary plant extract. The nutrient rich extract material, which provides the nutrition required to enable a seed to germinate and reach seedling stage, also contains nature's perfect recipe of proteins, carbohydrates, sugars, vitamins, minerals, plant hormones, natural growth regulators and organic carbon compounds to maximize plant growth.

Nature has done the complicated work of mixing and matching the proper nutrients so you do not have to – it's the “Mother's Milk™” of nutrients. This “milk” is essential to sustain a seedling as it develops a root and leaf system so it can start to produce its own energy through nutrient uptake and photosynthesis. Our soybean & plant extract is utilized to develop new plant tissue where little exists due to the damage caused by ice, snow mold, crown hydration, or to accelerate the fill-in of aerification holes by as much as 40%!

Need To Get Damaged Areas Back In Play?

If you do experience some type of damage this year, or are planning an aerification, Progressive Turf will work with you to set up a program to get those areas back in play quicker. Conventional fertility programs are slow to become available to the turf in the colder temperatures of spring and tend to promote vertical growth when they do release. Progressive Turf gets you growing with 40% less salt than conventional chemical fertilizers due to the patents pending soybean & plant extract.

Think about it... Would you apply salt to a wound on your body? Not likely, because you know it would burn. The same is true when you are trying to promote healing in young, tender plant material and you apply most conventional fertilizers.

If you ended up with damage do not panic, just turn to **Progressive Turf** and begin the healing process! Please contact us to locate a distributor in your area.