

John Mascaro's Photo Quiz

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Can you identify this sports turf problem?

Problem: Brown lines and bare spots

Turfgrass area: Football practice field

Location: Hampden-Sydney, Virginia

Grass Variety: Savannah bermudagrass

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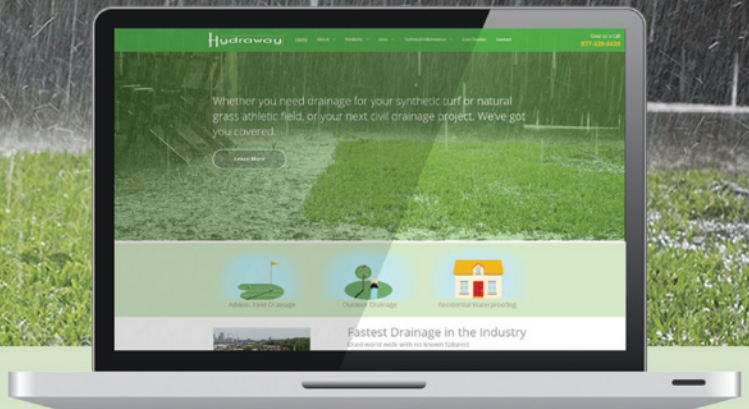
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This photo was taken June 1 and these brown lines are bare spots are a result of spring traffic. What you are looking at is early morning tracks from where the college football team crossed over the bermudagrass practice field during spring practice to use the synthetic field located on the far side of the photo. Very early each spring morning, for an entire week, the coaching staff drove their cart across the same area. You can also see the team's footprints on the right and an area where they ran some offensive drills off to the left. The sports turf manager assumes the drills took place because he was not yet at work on the day that this took place. The sports turf manager pondered for several weeks why the bermudagrass was so worn out and how it got so thin in such a short

period of time. Then he remembered during that week they had early morning mild frosts on the ground and the constant foot and cart traffic combined with the frost eventually killed the turf. Over the next 60 days, they performed five core aerifications and weekly .25lb nitrogen fertilizations along with bi-weekly applications of a growth regulator. By the first week of August, 95% of the damage was grown over. This is a perfect example of the importance of educating coaching staff and players about the potential for frost damage during light frost events..

Photo submitted by Jon Hall, sports turf manager at Hampden Sydney College in Virginia.



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