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On the cover:

The Best Management Practices (BMPs) for turfgrass water conservation can be employed by all levels, from the well trained turfgrass professional to homeowners. The BMPs are basic agronomic tools that will improve the overall health of the turfgrass plant and, in turn, will condition the grass to better withstand seasonal and prolonged drought. For a few BMPs specific to turfgrass water conservation see page 30.