



## **Primo MAXX Solutions for a Winter that Won't Quit**

There is probably nothing more frustrating than a delay in the start of the season because the snow will not melt. The upside is more time to plan the activities for the season. Presented in this article is how to integrate Primo MAXX into the late start of the season.

### **Starting the Program**

Since Primo MAXX was introduced and incorporated into golf turf management programs, golf superintendents have seen consistently better turf quality and playing conditions. A common question is when the first application should be made. A benchmark calendar date is May 1st; however, more appropriate timing is related to the turf growth stage, which is correlated to climatic conditions. Generally speaking, Primo MAXX applications should begin when there is at least 85% turf density and when the turf is actively growing (i.e., being mowed regularly).

### **What if there is Winter Injury?**

Primo MAXX is foliar-absorbed. If turf has winter damage in an **isolated area** on a green or a fairway, proceed with regular applications, leaving-out the damaged section. If there is **random yet significant winter damage** (>10-15%) on a green or fairway, allow these areas to recover first, and then begin the program. If there are only a few injured spots on a green or fairway, commence your Primo MAXX program. A few spots should not deny you from reaping the benefits of using Primo MAXX to build stronger, healthier turf.

### **Tank-mix to Save Spraying Events**

Primo MAXX can be tank-mixed with Heritage MAXX, Banner MAXX, Subdue MAXX and Daconil Ultrex. Additionally, Primo MAXX can be mixed with foliar fertilizer products and iron. All these tank-mix options mean no special trips with the sprayer in order to start the Primo MAXX program.

### **Faster Mowing**

How else can you save time by using Primo MAXX? Primo MAXX can reduce the grass clipping yields by approximately 30-50%. Mowing often takes less time because there are fewer buckets to throw and the quality of cut is better. Bunker faces and other difficult to mow areas can be treated with Primo MAXX to reduce the frequency of mowing in these areas.

### **The Result**

The agronomic benefit of Primo MAXX is pre-stress conditioning. Primo MAXX builds healthier plants to withstand the extreme conditions of summer - such as heat, drought, disease, and everyday wear and tear. The regulated turf has a more lateral growth habit and has increased carbohydrate reserves. This results in better tillering, stolonization, and root mass which enhances plant health, turf density and playability. Oh, and one more thing, the grass will look awesome.

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