

Environmental Impact

The golf industry is taking important steps to assume a leadership role as a sound steward of the U.S. environment. For decades, the golf industry has been dedicated to investing resources to ensure golf's compatibility with the environment.

Golf courses have gained their status as sound environmental stewards through professional and proactive management. From 1996 to 2006, a U.S. golf course, on average, implemented five significant environmental improvements. These include installation of native plantings, creating wildlife habitat areas, implementing erosion control measures, irrigation system upgrades and enhancing wetlands.

Golf courses are also documented to be efficient users of water, with golf course irrigation accounting for only one half of one percent (0.5%) of the 408 billion gallons of water used annually in the United States. Conservation techniques include weather stations, hand watering and more efficient irrigation systems. The great majority of golf courses utilize non-drinking water supplies such as wells, stormwater, on-site ponds and lakes, and recycled water.