



The Turfgrass Information Center (TIC) was created in 1983 at Michigan State University Libraries. One of the primary functions of the Center is to maintain and add to TGIF, the Turfgrass Information File database.

In addition to traditional turfgrass research questions, all sorts of questions can be answered with TGIF:

*Did you know that there are several public full-text electronic resources that can be reached from the TIC website? As a subscriber, your institution has access to many more full-text electronic resources as well.*



*Did you know that you can use the Turfgrass Information File (TGIF) to find information on the use of turfgrass as lawns, as golf courses, as shoulders on roads, athletics fields, parks, or used in cemeteries?*



*Do undergraduates at your institution write interdisciplinary papers on wide ranging topics such as the impact of humans on watersheds? TGIF can provide informations relevant to the topic.*

*Did you know that TGIF can be used to support programs in Landscape Architecture and Design, Horticulture, Parks and Recreation Facility Operation, Grounds and Landscape Management, and Environmental Policy? Of course, TGIF is the best there is in Turfgrass Science.*



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**From the TIC website**, several public sites featuring full-text content are accessible, including the *USGA Green Section Record*, the *USGA Turfgrass and Environmental Research Online* and the *ASGCA's Architect's Gallery*. By subscribing, users can access a wealth of additional full-text electronic resources, plus utilize the database itself to identify other relevant information. For a complete list of bundled content, see: <http://tic.msu.edu/pubjrn/browse.htm>

Materials indexed by the Turfgrass Information File include articles from peer reviewed publications, technical reports and conference proceedings, trade and professional publications, local professional newsletters, and popular magazines as well as monographs, theses and dissertations, fact sheets and brochures, software, and web documents. TGIF indexes materials from government, college/university, professional organizations, and private publishers. Our goal is to provide indexed access to the entirety of the turfgrass literature, regardless of date of publication, format, language, audience, or industry sector with as much full-text content as can be arranged!



### Subject Coverage

The Turfgrass Information Center selects materials according to a broad definition of turfgrass. Turfgrass is defined as grass or grass-like ground covers used in golf courses, parks, sports fields, lawns, sod farms, roadsides, institutional grounds, and for other utility, recreational, or aesthetic purposes. Subjects covered by TGIF include:

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|  Description and biology of turfgrass species and cultivars                     |  Turfgrass water use                                    |
|  Description and biology of turfgrass pests, weeds, and other related organisms |  Golf and sports facility industry trends               |
|  Turf culture methods and techniques   |  Golf course architecture and design                   |
|  Turf care equipment and equipment maintenance                                |  Lawn and landscape management industry trends        |
|  Golf and sports facility maintenance   |  Turf related business management                     |
|  Turfgrass breeding and improvement   |  Turf user/turf manager relations                     |
|  Turfgrass seed production  |  Profiles of turf-related businesses and facilities   |
|  Environmental aspects of turf culture  |  Biography of turfgrass researchers and professionals |
|  Sod production, installation, and maintenance                                |  Social and historical aspects of turf culture        |
|  Sod and turfgrass seed industry trends                                       |  Turfgrass as a land use form                         |
|  Regulatory and political aspects of turf culture                             |  The lawn in popular culture                          |

Note that the **one-time purchase** of TGIF includes **all** electronic resources content, past and future and TIC continues to aggressively add new (and unique) full-text serial and reference content to the list of available full-text. And TGIF is very, very affordable. The perpetual (**one-time**) charge is:

-  University or college belonging to the Association of Research Libraries **\$4,000**
-  Non-ARL university or college awarding baccalaureate (i.e. bachelors) degrees **\$2,750**
-  Two-year or community college **\$1,500**

For subscription forms, see:  
<http://tic.msu.edu/academic.html>

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