

# Plaisted's Fairway Topdressing

## Fairway Topdressing Helps Golf Course Sustainability

The USGA has reported an amazing number of golf courses are now embracing fairway topdressing as a way to achieve better drainage, healthier grass with less disease, thatch control and firmer conditions, while allowing golf carts back out onto the fairway sooner after heavy rains.\*

**Plaisted's Fairway Topdressing** is a washed and screened firm sand and contains no stones or rocks to wreak havoc on mowing equipment. We deliver it when you need it, and where you want it.

### What the experts say:\*\*

#### Improved drainage and decreased thatch accumulation

Over time, fairway topdressing will provide drier, firmer conditions, primarily because water percolates better through sand, and sand also helps to dilute thatch and expedite its breakdown.

#### Reduced disease incidence and chemical inputs

Dollar spot, brown patch and *Pythium* are typical diseases found in bentgrass and *Poa* fairways. Each disease is associated with high levels of soil moisture, made worse by thatch. Diluted organic matter holds less water, therefore has lower potential for disease, which reduces the requirement for chemical use.

#### Improved playability, footing and wear tolerance

In the long run, a fairway topdressing program improves firmness, smoothness, ball lie, and overall playability of your fairways. There are fewer suppressed earthworm castings because sand particles irritate earthworms more than soil mineral particles.

Fairway topdressing is typically applied once a month during the growing season.



\* "Understanding and Appreciating Firmness" article by Stanley J. Zontek, USGA, November 17, 2010. [www.USGA.org/news](http://www.USGA.org/news)

\*\* Tea to Green, Sept/Oct 2005 – Jim Baird, UGSA Agronomist for the Northeast Region.

# Plaisted's Golf Course Sands & Mixes

## PLAISTED TOPDRESSINGS

**Fairway Topdressing** – Washed and screened firm sand.

**Tournament Topdressing** – A special fine grade for bentgrass varieties. Not intended for regular use.

**Greens Topdressing** – Meets USGA guidelines..

## Green & Tee Topdressings

- **Sand–Peat–Topsoil**  
Many choices available, or make a custom mix.
- **Sand–Peat**  
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### **Additional information available online for these products:**

- Green Colored Sand & Divot Mixes
- Construction Sand & Mixes
- Cart Path & Road Base
- Organic Peat & Horticultural Products
- Landscape Rock, Boulders & Retaining Wall Systems

## Custom Blending

For special needs such as increasing CEC ratio, we custom blend topdressing with fertilizer or inorganic amendments using our computerized *Accublender™*. Plaisted technical services include soil testing and soil mix recommendations.



Find our online topdressing calculator at [www.plaistedcompanies.com/topdressing](http://www.plaistedcompanies.com/topdressing)



## PLAISTED BUNKER SANDS

Plaisted bunker sands meet USGA guidelines and are delivered washed and screened.

**Plaisted's USGA Bunker Sand** – Natural tan color, 2.2 pentrometer index.

**Best Signature Tour Blend** – Off-white color, 2.4 pentrometer index.

**Plaisted's Pro Crushed Bunker Sand** – Natural tan color blended with our crushed sand for a 2.5 pentrometer index.

**Best Signature 100% Crushed** – White color, 2.6 pentrometer index.



## Responsive delivery.

Plaisted's experienced drivers operate a fleet of more than 40 trucks — capable of delivering one ton to 25 tons per load. Our GPS locator helps us set the standard for the most responsive delivery system in the 5-state area.

### **Construction Season Hours:**

6:00am to 5:00pm Monday - Friday,  
7:00am to 2:00pm Saturday

### **Winter hours:**

7:00am to 4:00pm Monday - Friday

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