

GreenMatter, Ontario Report

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Golf courses in Ontario remain closed with no firm opening dates announced as of May 7. On May 1, the government stated that golf courses in the province could begin preparation work in anticipation of opening. Prior to May 1, courses were only allowed to conduct essential maintenance on their property such as mowing, fertilization and watering with minimal staff. To say the least, golf courses will definitely have a different look and feel this year.

When golf courses do eventually open, there will be unprecedented guidelines to follow so that every individual on each property is protected. Disinfectants, cleaning supplies, staggered start times and PPE are only a few examples of what each person and work area will be required to do.

The number one priority of all Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents is to ensure that each and every staff member is guaranteed a safe working environment. A detailed list with safety protocols will also be released along with opening dates for golf courses. It is very important for all courses to follow all these protocols. For updates and resources please visit our all new and revamped website at golfsupers.com.

On a brighter note, most courses around the province seemed to survive the winter much better than previous years. This has been beneficial to many Superintendents as they are not focusing on recovery projects and able to conduct essential maintenance during these unparalleled times.

Please stay safe and be well and all the best as we move forward.

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