

**Quicker green-up possible this spring
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Are your mowers ready for 2018? I expect fairly rapid green-up with consistent warm weather. After a dry start to winter, much of Nebraska received good amounts of snow and ice to keep our turf hydrated. We haven't received any reports of winter desiccation and the snow cover helped protect the turf during those real cold days. If you have experienced any winterkill, please let me know.

The winter conditions should result in relatively rapid spring regrowth in comparison to recent years. During the past several winters, the open and dry conditions typically killed the foliage down to the crown. The plant then generated new leaves from the crown, a slow process. This year, I'm seeing a lot of regrowth from existing leaves. The tips are brown and dead but green tissue is emerging below. If the weather stays warm, then we should start to see green return to our brown late-winter world.

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