

What is the correct way to repair a pitch mark?

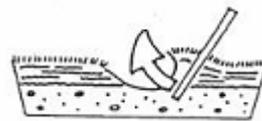
As a courtesy to other golfers and especially towards the course itself, it is very important that we do all we can to maintain the course in its best condition, as we would like to find it.

Below are the RIGHT and WRONG ways to repair pitch-marks. You should use a pitch-mark repairer rather than a tee to repair the damage effectively. Never use the edge of a putter to repair your pitch-mark as this method cannot get the thatch layer and soil back to their original position.

The RIGHT way



The WRONG way



- Insert the pitch-mark repairer just outside the back of the ball mark. Push the turf towards the centre of the mark. Repeat the same motion on all sides of the mark.
- Gently tap down the repaired area with your putter head..
- This action stretches undamaged turf over the ball mark providing instant recovery.
- **Do not** pry up the centre of the depression with the pitch-mark repairer as this will expose the soil and delay the healing process.
- **Do not** insert the pitch-mark repairer and twist it. This only breaks more turf loose.
- A ball mark takes only 15-30 seconds to repair correctly. Fixed incorrectly, the mark takes over 3 weeks to heal. Please do it the right way.
- Remember, when your ball pitches on the green, it will always cause damage to the surface. You should look for it and repair it. Then , please repair another pitch-mark that a prior player has forgotten to repair. If you see a pitch-mark that needs repairing, please do it.
- N.B. Never use your putter head to remove your ball from the hole. This can easily damage the edge of the hole.

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