

ERIC GUNESCH

ASSISTANT GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

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Florida Commercial Pesticide Applicator License | Florida BMP Certified | Valid Florida Driver's License

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Golf course maintenance leader with 9+ years of course operations experience and nearly 20 years across turf, horticulture, and grounds management. Former Assistant Superintendent and 2nd Assistant Superintendent with TPC experience, a strong record of crew supervision, and hands-on expertise in warm-season turf, irrigation and water management, agronomic programs, pesticide applications, course setup, drainage, and equipment operation. B.S. in Environmental Science with experience developing annual agronomic budgets and capital improvement proposals.

CORE QUALIFICATIONS

Supervisory Leadership & Crew Training | Daily Maintenance Planning | Workforce Scheduling | Safety & BMP Compliance
Warm-Season Turf: Bermudagrass, Zoysia & Bahia | Greens, Tees, Fairways, Roughs, Bunkers & Native Areas
Agronomic Planning | Fertility, Fungicide, Herbicide & Nematicide Programs | IPM, Scouting & Application Records
Irrigation Scheduling & Central Control | ET-Based Water Management | Pump Stations, Mainlines, Valves & Decoders
Budget Development & Capital Planning | Drainage & Construction Projects | Aerification, Verticutting & Topdressing

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Irrigation Technician

Jun 2026 - Present

Victoria Hills Golf Club | *DeLand, FL*

- Lead day-to-day irrigation troubleshooting and water management for an 18-hole warm-season golf course, prioritizing repairs and sequencing water to protect playing conditions under tight capital constraints.
- Program Toro E-OSMAC irrigation across greens, tees, fairways, and roughs using evapotranspiration, soil moisture, weather, and seasonal agronomic demand.
- Diagnose and repair controllers, decoders, field wiring, satellites, rotors, valves, and pump equipment, reducing downtime and outside-vendor expense.
- Authored a costed capital and annual agronomic proposal for ownership covering pump-house, controller, rotor, fertility, fungicide, herbicide, and nematicide needs; annual program value approximately \$163,000.
- Execute fertilizer and pesticide applications, IPM scouting, spray calibration, and compliant application/SDS records under a Florida Commercial Pesticide Applicator License.

Irrigation Technician

Apr 2023 - Jun 2026

Down To Earth Golf - Legends Golf & Country Club | *Clermont, FL*

- Supervised maintenance crews, assigned daily work, reinforced methods and safe equipment use, and supported scheduling for course maintenance and improvement projects.
- Maintained irrigation, drainage, and pump systems; supported water-management targets and turf quality during Central Florida heat and summer stress.
- Applied fertility and pesticides across greens, tees, fairways, and roughs and supported construction and maintenance of greens, cart paths, and course infrastructure.

Irrigation & Landscape Contractor - Self-Employed

Oct 2022 - Apr 2023

Independent | *Denver Metro, CO*

- Installed, repaired, and winterized irrigation systems, including controllers, valves, wiring, backflow devices, and heads; completed landscape installations and renovations before returning to Florida golf operations.

Irrigation Manager / 2nd Assistant Superintendent

Apr 2021 - Sep 2022

Down To Earth Golf | *Clermont, FL*

- Combined irrigation leadership with assistant-superintendent duties, including crew direction, work scheduling, repair prioritization, spray-program support, drainage, pump work, and course construction planning.

Assistant Superintendent / Irrigation Construction Manager**Feb 2021 - Apr 2021****Deercreek Country Club** | Jacksonville, FL

- Supervised and completed a full Toro hydraulic-to-electric irrigation retrofit while keeping the course open and member play uninterrupted.

Assistant Superintendent / Irrigation Foreman**Aug 2019 - Jan 2021****Swiss Fairways Country Club** | Clermont, FL

- Directed daily maintenance of greens, tees, fairways, roughs, bunkers, and cart paths; trained staff and planned daily play in the superintendent's absence.
- Led aerification, verticutting, topdressing, bunker repair, sod, drainage, spray, irrigation, and tee-renovation projects; reseeded part of the course without closure, preserving four days of revenue.

Assistant Superintendent**May 2019 - Aug 2019****Tusawilla Country Club** | Winter Springs, FL

- Scheduled and directed maintenance staff across greens, tees, fairways, roughs, native areas, ornamentals, and wetlands; assumed full course and crew authority in the superintendent's absence.
- Supervised and performed fertilizer, herbicide, fungicide, and insecticide applications with complete regulatory recordkeeping.

2nd Assistant Superintendent**Feb 2019 - May 2019****TPC Treviso Bay** | Naples, FL

- Supported the superintendent and first assistant across a TPC-standard maintenance operation, including crew management, course setup, agronomic program execution, chemical applications, records, and irrigation scheduling and repair.

EARLIER GOLF, TURF & HORTICULTURE EXPERIENCE**Golf, Turf & Horticulture Roles****2007 - 2018****Eagle Creek Golf Club** | **Rio Pinar Country Club** | **Miller Envirocare** | **Envirofit Turf and Tree** | **PestBear** | **Dardano's Flowerland**

- Greenskeeper and equipment operator at Eagle Creek and Rio Pinar (2017-2018): course setup, bunker maintenance, irrigation repair, Toro and Jacobsen equipment, and USGA rules familiarity.
- Diagnosed turf and ornamental issues, developed IPM recommendations, and conducted product field testing under Florida BMP guidelines for Miller Envirocare and PestBear.
- Managed a commercial landscape installation and turf-renovation contract for Envirofit Turf and Tree.
- Manager / Head Grower at Dardano's Flowerland (2007-2014): led 10+ employees; managed hiring, schedules, purchasing, inventory, budgets, safety, pesticide/fertilizer/PGR programs, and RFP/RFQ proposals.

EDUCATION**Bachelor of Science, Environmental Science****1995 - 1999****Metropolitan State University of Denver** | Denver, CO

Applied study in soil science, plant and soil nutrition, integrated pest management, turf management, and water resources.

CREDENTIALS & TECHNICAL PROFICIENCY

Credentials: Florida Commercial Pesticide Applicator License; Florida Best Management Practices (BMP) Certification; valid Florida driver's license.

Irrigation & water: Toro E-OSMAC central control and field satellites; Toro Infinity rotors; ET scheduling; pump stations; valves, decoders, wiring, mainlines, backflow testing; IBC fertigation.

Equipment: Toro TriFlex and Greensmaster triplexes; Toro Multi Pro sprayers; Jacobsen fairway and rough mowers; aerifiers, verticutters, sod cutters, topdressers, tractors, loaders, backhoes, skid steers, and trenchers.