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TODAY WE APPLIED YOUR THIRD APPLICATION

- _____ Lbs. of 26-0-3 Dry Granular Fertilizer
- _____ Gals. Trimec 992 liquid weed control (1.1 to 2.4 oz per .5gal/1000sq ft.)
- _____ Lbs. of 30-3-5 Dry Granular Fertilizer



ABOUT TODAY'S TREATMENT

Today's application will help keep your lawn green, we'll also treating remaining weeds, especially along the edges. We always avoid areas along and around gardens, vegetables, and flower beds so don't be surprised to see a few weeds there, better to have a few weeds than damaged plants. Unless your lawn had a significant weed problem we'll likely be spot treating, we'll still get good control and it's better for the environment.

Now is the time of year when the brown spots begin to show in lawns. In mid April, a phenomenon aptly named leopard spot occurred in much of northeast Ohio. This was caused by rapid grass growth followed by a very cold night that killed the tips of the grass plants. Lawns recovered quickly. Other lawn spots can be attributed to red thread and/or dollar spot. Please see the article on the back of this newsletter with much more information on these two diseases.

It's Not Too Late!

We offer the following services, give us a call for a quote.

1. Going on vacation and need your lawn mowed? Or just tired of mowing? We can do that chore for you! (available in select areas)
2. Landscape need to be spruced up? We offer edging, mulching, cleanups, general landscaping and pruning.
3. Tired of battling ants, spiders and other creepy crawlies? We offer Perimeter Pest control too!

MOWING TIPS

The rate at which you water will affect the rate at which you mow. The general rules for mowing are:

1. Mow high: The higher the cut, the less maintenance required. Higher mowing heights promote deep root growth. Deep roots have greater access to water and nutrients in the soil, which increases their ability to tolerate environmental stresses. For most lawns, mowing at a height of three to four inches is best.
2. Mow frequently: Mow often enough so that no more than one-third of the grass blade is removed at one time. If you remove more than one-third of the grass blade, your lawn will likely look pale after mowing. The grass will use energy and nutrients to produce new leaves, resulting in a weaker root system.
3. Keep your mower blades sharp: If you don't keep your mower blades sharp, you will be tearing the grass, rather than cutting it. This will result in a browning after you mow, and leaves the grass open to fungus and other diseases as well as insect invasion and water loss. Grass cut with a sharp blade will recover faster, have better water retention, and increased photosynthesis. Mower blades should be sharpened at least twice each season.



BROWN AND RED SPOTS IN THE LAWN

A number of diseases become active this time of year. The most common diseases are red thread, dollar spot, and brown patch disease. The best course of action is to give us a call when you see spots starting. Proper diagnosis is the key to treatment. The red thread and dollar spot diseases will not kill the grass, but they are usually indicators that more fertilizer is needed. It is also wise to check the sharpness of your mower blade.

Brown patch disease, on the other hand, is a different type of disease problem. If untreated it can cause damage and dieback to the lawn. This disease damages the crown of the plant which can kill the plants. Fungicide is recommended for this disease. **This is why it is so important that you give us a call when you see brown spots in the lawn.** A few days or a week can make a huge difference in diagnosing and controlling diseases.

Fun Garden Facts

- ◆ Tomato juice is the official state beverage of Ohio, honoring the part A. W. Livingston of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, played in popularizing the tomato in the late 1800s.
- ◆ Bamboo is the fastest-growing woody plant in the world; it can grow 35 inches in a single day.
- ◆ The first potatoes were cultivated in Peru about 7,000 years ago.
- ◆ The average strawberry has 200 seeds. It's the only fruit that bears its seeds on the outside.
- ◆ Garlic mustard is a member of the mustard family, not garlic. This invasive herb outcompetes native plants in the Eastern and Midwestern United States, posing a threat to other native plants and the species that depend on them.



WATERING

Watering is a personal choice we all make. It is not necessary to water in today's application. It will need some water eventually to be activated, but it will not burn the lawn if not watered in for any length of time. If you have a sprinkler system, it is best not to water during the heat of the day, too much water evaporates before it has a chance to soak into the lawn. Watering in the early morning is best, while watering at night or in the evening is the worst, why? Watering at night promotes diseases, and if you read the article above, you don't want that!

For best results, the lawn will need one hour of water per week. It is best to have half of this applied at one time. This will promote deeper roots and a healthier lawn. Watering 10 minutes every day or so is okay, but will lead to a shallow root system, which is not the best for the grass plants.

If you choose to not water at all, your lawn will brown out if the weather is too hot and dry. Your lawn is more than 80% water. If it is hot and dry for a couple of weeks without rain, it is normal for it to brown out. Grass is very resilient and will come back when it does rain, as long as it has been properly fertilized.

Payments & Balances

It is helpful when you return the bottom stub from your invoice with your payment. This allows us to properly credit your account. Our office staff appreciates your cooperation. If your invoice shows a previous balance and you think you paid it already, check the bottom of the invoice, it reads "balance as of...". Our invoices are printed a week or two in advance, and if you know you sent a payment after that date, just disregard the balance.

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