

Traditional Lawn Care Schedule

Fertilization

| | Middle of February (Valentine's Day) 15-5-10 Lawn Special (Quick Release) Beginning of April (April Fool's Day) 15-5-10 Premium Gold (Slow Release) Beginning of July (4th of July) 15-5-10 Premium Gold (Slow Release) End of October (Halloween) 16-8-12 Winterizer (Quick Release) |
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| | Soil Amendments |
| For use in Spring and Fall | |
| | Aeration - breaks up the soil with solid or hollow spikes. Do before topdressing. Azomite® - helps remineralize nutrient-depleted soils. Gypsum - helps soften up our clay soil to help roots grow easier. Turface® MVP® - applied to broken up soil helps prevent re-compaction of the soil. Manure Compost - using a spread-able compost helps improve the grass and soil. |
| Insect Control | |
| | Grub Worms - larvae of june bugs. Typically strike in spring time. Best prevention is to use a product containing Imidacloprid*. Best treatment is to use a product containing Dylox. Chinch Bugs - Typically strike in the summer time when the weather is hot and dry. Best treatment is to use a product containing Bifenthrin. Sod Webworms - Typically strike in summer and early fall. Keep an eye out for moths starting in June. Treat by spraying both the lawn and all shrubs in the area. Use Bifenthrin or Cyonara. Fire Ants - For shake-on bait treatments for the whole lawn use Amdro® or Extinguish® Plus. For individual mound treatments use Bengal® UltraDust® 2X or Ortho® Orthene®. |
| *Some products containing Imidacloprid, such as BioAdvanced® Complete Insect Control, control them all. | |
| Fungus Control | |
| | Spring-Summer - Occasional treatment is required depending on rainfall. Fall - Most fungal issues such as brown patch and gray leaf spot will occur in the fall when nights are cooler and wetter. Best prevention is to use a systemic fungicide like BioAdvanced® Fungus Control. |
| Best treatment is to use a product that contains PCNB. | |
| Weed Prevention | |
| Products to use include Nitro Phos Barricade® and Hi-Yield® Dimension®. For best results use three to four times a year. | |
| | Late October - apply for prevention of winter weeds. Early February - apply for prevention of spring weeds. Early May - apply for prevention of crabgrass and other summer weeds. |
| | * Make sure to read and follow all label instructions * |