



# Organic Lawn Care Schedule

## Fertilization

- **Beginning of April** - (*April Fool's Day*) 3-1-2 type ratio like Earth Essentials 5-1-3 or MicroLife 6-2-4 (w/microbes) will work best for this region.
- **Beginning of July** - (*4th of July*) Earth Essentials 5-1-3 or MicroLife 6-2-4
- **End of October** - (*Halloween*) Earth Essentials 5-1-3 or MicroLife 6-2-4

## 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 spreadable compost helps improve the grass and soil.

## Insect Control

- **Grub Worms** - larvae of june bugs. Typically strike in spring time. Best prevention is regular use of Milky Spores or Nematodes is a good all-natural prevention.
- **Chinch Bugs** - Typically strike in the summer time when the weather is hot and dry. Best prevention is beneficial Nematodes.
- **Sod Webworms** - Typically strike in summer and early fall. Keep an eye out for moths starting in June. Use a Spinosad based spray listed for lawns.
- **Fire Ants** - Use of Beneficial Nematodes in late spring and early summer will do a great job of controlling the ants without having to use chemicals.
- **Mosquitoes** – Use cedar-based granules or sprays for effective mosquito control.

## 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 leaf mold compost. Good products to use are Corn Meal and MicroLife™ MicroGro.

## Weed Prevention

**Products that contain Corn Gluten Meal will help to prevent seeds from germinating, as well as adding a bit of nitrogen to the soil. 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 \*