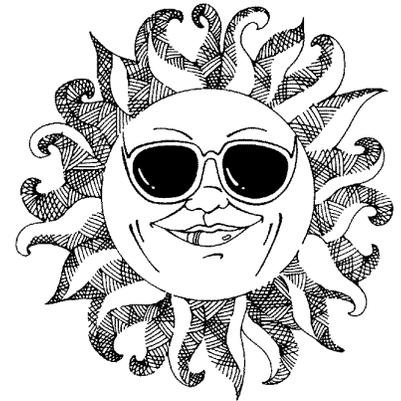


Summer is the most stressful season of the year for lawns. Hot, dry weather will weaken your lawn making it more susceptible to weeds, and other problems. Watering during periods of drought helps to maintain lawn vigor and it is also an ideal time to control insects and diseases. Broadleaf weed prevention should be done in August (if seeding in the fall). Do not spray lawns with weed killers when temperatures are above 86 degrees F. Insects can be controlled in June and grubs can be controlled in August.



- Apply 1" of water to lawns each week by thoroughly soaking the turf areas.
- If needed, apply Bayer Advanced Complete Insect Killer in June to control insects such as chinch bugs, sod webworms, billbugs, ants and fleas.
- Apply Bayer Advanced 24 Hour Grub Killer Plus in August to control grubs.
- Apply lawn fungicide to help prevent lawn diseases such as brown patch & dollar spot (see our staff for guidance).
- Apply an organic lawn food such as Milorganite, or Lawn Restore to maintain green color.
- If you plan to seed in the fall, you can apply Gallery in early August to prevent winter annual weeds (seeding can be done 60 days after applying Gallery).
- Feed Zoysia lawns with **Merrifield Premium 26-0-12 Lawn Food** during June, July and /or August.
- If needed, sod or plug Zoysia lawns during June or July.

If you are planning a total renovation of the lawn in the fall, which involves killing off all of the existing grass & weeds first and then starting over with seed or sod, do the following:

- Spray Roundup in early August (gauge effectiveness after two weeks).
- If needed, spray Roundup again in mid August to ensure total kill of existing grass and weeds.
- Once all vegetation is brown, roto-till to a depth of 6" or more and add organic matter and **Merrifield Select Lawn Fertilizer** to the soil.
- Rake it smooth and level. Then seed with Merrifield Tuff Play, Sunny or Shady Grass Seed Blends or sod in late August or Early September.

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