

# Turf Tips

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Today we performed your **EARLY SUMMER** treatment.

It consist of the following:  
**Balanced Fertilizer & Broadleaf Weed Control**

## do's.....

- ◆ Keep kids and pets off lawn for 2-4 hours or until lawn is completely dry.
- ◆ Limit the amount of activity on the lawn for the first 24 hours following this treatment.
- ◆ Water lawn after 24 hours for best response from this treatment.
- ◆ Mow regularly but no lower than 3 - 4 inches for the summer.
- ◆ Monitor your lawn weekly. Call us if **ANY** brown spots or weeds appear. The earlier you call, the better chance for a timely and more effective resolution.

## don'ts.....

- ◆ Mow below 3 inches. Mowing tall discourages weeds and also reduces moisture loss by shading the soil.
- ◆ Forget to sharpen mower blades every 6 weeks!
- ◆ Water your lawn after 4pm. Evening watering encourages diseases. The best time to water your lawn is in the early morning. We realize many people like to water after work, in the evening, but this is asking for TROUBLE. Heavy waterings are more beneficial than light waterings. Your lawn will require approximately 1 1/2 inches of water per week in 2 or 3 waterings per week for best results. Call to discuss if you have any further questions.

## MONITORING

The difference you can make is **BIG!!!**

Be on the lookout for the many summer pest problems. Diseases, weeds, insects, and/or animals can cause your lawn to not look its best. If you are really unlucky, you may have them all at one time. So what do you do?

If you do not already monitor your lawn weekly, now is the best time to get started. Once a week, check your entire lawn. Look for any weeds, brown spots, or changes you don't like. If you see any problems, call us immediately to determine the cause and choose the best control strategy(ies) available.

We may decide to solve the problem by improving cultural practices such as watering, mowing and fertilizing. We may use pesticides to control certain insects. We may institute preventative programs for controlling diseases, or even, combine these strategies. One thing precedes all the solutions. That is, identifying the problem on a timely basis.

Monitoring your lawn will enable you to detect problems when they first appear. Early detection will minimize pest damage, save time, effort, and money. Monitoring will work best if it is done weekly.

**REMINDER. Now is the time of year to prune your shrubs again. This mid season pruning keeps plant healthy and "in shape". Call to discuss.**

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