



Bucks Country Gardens

Guidelines For Lawn Care

The following lawn care guide is broken down into months for easy maintenance. However, weather conditions may change out of the norm and can affect this maintenance schedule. We suggest contract us for more specific dates as to the application of the products listed for your lawn care program.

LATE MARCH-EARLY APRIL

Pre-Emergent crabgrass control

Pre-emergent crabgrass controls are applied during early spring to help keep the seeds of annual grasses from germinating (annual grasses such as crabgrass, goosegrass, and foxtail.)

Recommended Products:

Balan

Team

Tupersan (primarily used when seeding)

Seeding

During the early stages of spring you may safely seed normally shaded areas before the leaves bud out from trees. (For proper seeding guidelines and recommended grass seeds to use please refer to our SEEDING GUIDELINES and other references.)

Weed Control

The cooler soils and shaded area are perfect growing conditions for some of the common broadleaf weeds in your lawn. If clover and chickweed appear in your lawn NOW is the time to apply a weed control for these specific weeds.

Recommended Products:

Weed controls containing MCP

MAY-JUNE

Broadleaf Weed Control

For best results against broadleaf weeds wait until all weeds have started to develop and are actively growing (not just when dandelions have appeared.) When you do apply your weed controls be attentive to excessive heat and moisture. Temperatures should not get above 80degrees F while applying AND apply at least 24 hours prior jto any rain in the forecast (the soil should be kept dry at this time.)

Recommended Products:

Trimec (204D, MCP & Dicamba) 2-4D and MCP

Fertilizers

Fertilizing your lawn now will help replenish the nutrients used up during spring's growing season. Any fertilizer containing a high nitrogen formula is recommended during this feeding.

Recommended Products:

26-6-12
26-4-6
25-3-5
10-6-4

MID JUNE – LATE AUGUST

Insect Control

Your lawn may start to appear with off-colored areas or blotches during the summer months, which may be the result of chinch bug, sod webworm, pill bugs and other lawn-infesting insects. If you aren't sure these little critters are hiding out in your lawn, please call us or bring in a sample of the problem area – we will help diagnose a solution to your lawn's condition.

Recommended Products:

Diazinon
Dursban
Oftanol
Dylox

*** All of these products should be watered in immediately after application.

MID AUGUST – END OF SEPTEMBER

Grub Control

If you have noticed a lot of beetles around your trees and shrubs during June, chances are that your lawn has grubs. Grubs are the larvae stage of Japanese beetles. It is important to control grubs at this early stage – they will do the most damage to your lawn now by feeding upon your lawn's root systems and killing it.

Recommended Products:

Milky Spore
Diazinon
Dursban
Oftanol (mid-Aug)
Dylox (late Sept)

*** All of these products should be watered in immediately after application

Fertilizers

You may be familiar with the nursery and garden center saying, "FALL IS FOR PLANTING", well there is truth to this important phrase. Fall's cooler weather at night and warmer days are the ideal growing conditions for lawns as well as for your trees and shrubs. Grasses will use the nutrients from your fall fertilizer program to thicken itself and set out new shoots and roots – thru achieving the great beginnings for your lawn next spring. Lawn fertilizers high in nitrogen are recommended for this IMPORTANT fall lawn feeding.

Recommended Products:

25-4-6
25-3-5
20-4-12
10-6-4

NOVEMBER-EARLY DECEMBER

Fertilizers

Your lawn's fertilizing program should have two fall feedings. This second "meal" is important because there is little to no leaf production allowing your grass to store the nutrients needed for growth next spring. Look for fertilizers containing a high phosphorus content for root development.

Recommended Products:

10-20-18

10-18-10

MARCH-MAY / SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER

Seeding

Fall IS the best time for planting and is perfect for seeding lawns. The warm soil and cool nights make ideal growing conditions for your seeds to germinate (you don't have the intense heat of summer approaching.) Please see our other seeding references for more detailed information concerning seeding guidelines.

Liming

THE MOST IMPORTANT APPLICATION FOR YOUR LAWN IS LIME. Lime increases the pH level in your soil, which is the key factor in helping your lawn thrive. Most of your preferred grasses require a pH of 6.5-6.8. Should your soil pH be lower it may promote weed development and growth. If you aren't sure what your soil pH is, just bring a sample of your soil in an empty coffee can to Bucks Country Gardens and we'll test it's pH – FREE OF CHARGE! As a guideline, 50 pounds of lime applied over 1,000 square feet will change your soil pH .5degrees.

DISEASE CONTROL

Diseases in your lawn are as individual as your finger print. Without proper identification it will be difficult for us to diagnose these conditions. We suggest you call us or bring in a sample so that we may examine it thoroughly and make recommendations regarding the cure for your ailing lawn.