

SPRING NEWSLETTER

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Spring Green-Up

This time of year, we start receiving calls from customers asking when their lawns will start greening up. Morning temperatures must be at least 65 degrees consistently for lawns to start greening up. Also, we start applying the first round of fertilizer in the March - April timeframe which will also encourage green-up. Morning temperatures have been in the 40s recently causing a delay in green-up. By the end of May, most healthy lawns should be completely green. If your lawn went into drought stress the previous summer, it will take longer to green-up in the spring. If your lawn has circular, yellowing spots, this could be something else other than drought stress. In that case, please email us pictures of the problem areas for a diagnosis.

Mowing Tips: Proper mowing is critical for a healthy lawn. Bermuda should be mowed to a height of 1 1/2"-2". Zoysia should be mowed to a height of 2"- 2 1/2". Use a ruler to measure the length of grass after it is mowed to be sure you are at the correct height. You may mow your lawn very low (scalping) and bag the clippings one time in the spring around mid-March. This will expose the ground and help to green up the lawn quicker. If you scalp any other time of the year, you will cause more weeds and possible winter injury.

Watering Tips: As summer approaches and the weather begins to warm up, proper watering is critical to preventing drought stress. When weather conditions are over 85 degrees and rain frequency has gotten into the summer pattern, you should water 1 inch of water per week divided into 3 watering sessions.

Soil Testing

Soil testing is recommended every 2 years. The results will help us identify additional needs for your lawn. If you have not had a soil test in the last 2 years, please visit warrenlawncare.com and click on the "Soil Test Request" link to request a soil sample be taken at our next visit. You may also check the "Pull soil" box on your bill remittance slip. It will take approximately 2-3 weeks to get the results of the test back and forward to you our recommendations for your lawn.

