



Special points of interest:

- Mid-August thru Late-September is a great time for lawn seeding
- Check for insect damage to trees and shrubs
- Deadhead and thin out overcrowded perennials
- Keep mower blades sharp, do not mow your lawn for at least 1 day after lawn treatments are done
- Continue to monitor lawns for disease and insect activity
- Begin planning for your Fall landscape projects

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Lawn Treatments: Should They Be Applied to Dormant Turf

This is the exact question that many homeowners as well as lawn care professionals are asking. Last year, Iowa went through a drought similar to the one we went through in 1988. At this point in the season, conditions have not gotten quite as bad as they were during these years.

During that time period in 1988, a test was performed by Iowa State University using three different variables. One section of dormant turf grass was not fertilized at all, one section was fertilized at a normal application rate, and one section was treated at a much higher rate (almost 10x the recommended rate).

When the turf grass recovered later that Fall, they were surprised that no damage had been caused to either of the sections that were fertilized. However, the section that was not treated with fertilizer showed signs of damage (ie. dead spots).



In conclusion, they determined that there was no risk of damage from applying treatments to dormant turf grass and more importantly that it had a positive effect on the turf in the Fall.

With hot and dry conditions setting in, the most important thing you can do for your lawn is to keep up with your normal fertilizer and weed control applications and to make sure your lawn is getting at least 2" of water per week. Water during the morning hours when evaporation rates are the lowest to ensure your lawn is getting the most out of your waterings. As always, feel free to give us a call if you have any questions or concerns with your lawn. We are here to help!

Protect Your Yard from Mosquitos, Fleas and Ticks

These harmful pests take away from your outdoor enjoyment, even your child's ability to play in the yard comfortably. The threat of mosquito borne diseases potentially affects everyone in your family, including pets.

Potential diseases include: West Nile, Yellow Fever, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, and Heart Worms in pets to name a few.

We are now offering treatments for these pests. Protect your yard with our special low price of **\$33.00 / per application.****

Call our office or go on-line to take advantage of this special offer.

****3 applications required for special pricing. They must be done at same time as your scheduled lawn treatments. Turf areas only; Perimeter pest control priced separately.**



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