



## Seasonal Turf Care Guidelines

### April / May

- Spring Clean-up of lawn area, top-dress areas as needed with topsoil & seed & starter fertilizer
- Apply crabgrass preventative up to mid-May - soil temp. about 50 degrees – do NOT apply to newly seeded areas or seed will not germinate –no weed control until after 3 mowings. Do not new seeding in these treated areas until Fall.
- Turf fertilization with Milorganite (6-4-0) with Iron
- De-thatching in late April is best when turf is drier
- Mowing at 3-4" height for lawn areas
- Heavy shade areas – prune up trees for sunlight or mulch (grass needs sun!)

### May / June

- Mowing at proper height of 3-4" on a regular weekly basis
- Wait 2 weeks after broadleaf weed control applied to plant new seed
- Weed control for Spot treating weeds – Fertilome Weed Free Zone is recommended (do NOT use Round-up on grass, it will kill everything!)
- Water lawn in summer if dry season (at least 1" per week)
- Monitor for grubs and other insects - treat with Turf Ranger Insect Control
- Fungus & disease control is also important if needed

### July / August

- Mowing at proper height of 3 1/2" on a regular weekly basis
- Regular mowing will keep weeds down & strengthen turf
- Fertilize with Milorganite (6-4-0) an organic, non-burning fertilizer
- Water lawn in summer if a very dry season (at least 1-2" per week)

### September / October

- Clean-up leaves from the lawn as needed
- Top-dress and seed areas as needed by Sept 15 for best results
- Regular mowing at 3" but decreasing to 2 1/2" in late Fall
- Apply Weed & Feed when lawn has dew on it (early September)
- Spot weed control in lawn – apply Fertilome Weed Free Zone
- Aeration in late October if needed – loosens compacted soil, increases air & fertilizer flow to strengthen roots
- General fertilizer if needed – Milorganite (6-4-0) with Iron

### November / December

- Fall leaf clean-up with final mowing at 2 1/2" for Winter
- Apply Fall fertilizer/Winterizer after final mowing, it will help strengthen the lawn in Spring before the season's work begins
- Rest! Let the snow blanket your lawn for Winter...Spring will be back soon!