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Tiger Times

Keeping Your Lawn Cool During Summer Drought Conditions

Lack of rain means many lawns are starting to grow slower, wilt and turn brown. Many residents wonder if their grass is dying. No need to worry, your grass is not dying, it's just dormant.

There are several things you can do to make sure your lawn survives dormancy:

- Continue your annual turf building program
- Prevent and control weeds
- Water your lawn (It should receive 1/2 to 1 inch of water per week.)
- Watch for an increase in the number of lawn insects
- Tiger Turf will mow higher, allowing the grass to retain more moisture during the drought.

Establishing an Annual Turf Building Program

In order to keep your lawn healthy year round it is important to establish an annual turf building program.

Tiger Turf has a basic turf building plan that will accommodate all grass types.

Annual Program

Early Spring — In early spring, before temperatures are regularly in the 80s, Tiger Turf will spread a turf building application with a crabgrass preventer. Grass will grow thicker and greener and crabgrass will be prevented.

Late Spring — In late spring, when rain is not forecast for at

least 24 hours, Tiger Turf will spread a turf building application with weed control. Grass will grow denser and maintain its green color into the summer months and weeds will fade away.

Summer — During the summer Tiger Turf will apply a turf builder to control summer lawn insects. The application, which must be applied to a dry lawn and watered in, will also feed and strengthen your lawn.

Early Fall — In early fall, Tiger Turf will apply a turf building fertilizer. The fertilizer will help thicken grass and repair summer damage.

Late Fall — In late fall, Tiger Turf will apply a fall lawn fertilizer. This will help grass stay green longer into the winter months and help it green up earlier next spring.

If you are interested in enrolling in the annual Turf Building Program or would like more information about the program steps please contact Tiger Turf at 573-256-TURF (office) or 573-808-6067 (mobile).

Program costs vary depending on the size of the lawn and the number of applications you select. Turf building applications are billed the month they are applied.

Winter and Your Lawn: Tips to Keep it Healthy

Winter will affect your grass.

How a lawn responds to winter depends on several factors: grass type, temperature, amount of snowfall and the type of care your lawn received the months preceding winter.

Grass is a perennial and has cycles of growth, dormancy and re-growth. During winter dormancy, your grass is still growing at the root-level. In order to help it during this time you need to make sure a fall

winterizer fertilizer is applied.

Your lawn also needs a few simple things to help it maintain its vigor in the spring:

- Keep leaves and other debris to a minimum (debris can prevent sunlight from reaching your lawn).
- While the lawn is frozen or snow covered, keep traffic over it to a minimum. Frequent traffic will wear it out.

- Avoid driving a car or any other heavy machinery on your lawn.

When winter is over, your lawn will need to be raked to rid it of any debris and to help stimulate new growth. You may also want to fill any bare spots. You will also need to continue your turf building program at this time.

Tiger Turf will be happy to assist you in any of these precautionary measures. Just



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