

It is fall and time for numerous projects. If you haven't put down your October fertilizer, there is still time to apply Hugo Feed Mill Brand 25-0-15 from now till the end of the month or before the ground freezes. Make sure you use the coupon below for additional savings. Even though September is the best time to do plug aeration and apply gypsum for clay soils, it's not too late yet to do this month. The chance for spot spraying weeds such as *creeping charlie* may have past, but if it warms up, give a call, we'll let you know what can be done. Dormant seeding is a great project for this time of year, being that it's October 25<sup>th</sup> the temperatures should *stay low enough* so as not to germinate this fall. As always you will want to prepare your soil, by fertilizing and tilling before you spread the seed. Keep in mind that crabgrass prevention will have to be done differently in the spring because the preventer would keep the grass seed from germinating, feel free to call for more details. Now is also a great time for proper care of your perennials, such as planting spring bulbs and cleaning out perennial beds. More information can be found in our October 2007 Newsletter (http://hugofeedmill.com/TTT/TTTOct2007.pdf.) You may also want to consult the U of M extension site (www.extension.umn.edu, click on "Garden" tab.) Another website is www.turf.umn.edu. This site provides useful links (under "turf links") for preparing your turf for winter as well as other informative web sites such as Michigan State's "I've got Moles" and Purdue's "Turf Tips".

We have noticed a surge in mole and pocket gopher activity this year. In our August 2008 issue we covered moles. For more great info on moles go to <a href="http://extension.missouri.edu/explore/agguides/wildlife/g09440.htm">http://extension.missouri.edu/explore/agguides/wildlife/g09440.htm</a>. For info on gophers look at http://agr.mt.gov/weedpest/pdf/VertBulletins/PocketGopher.pdf Make sure to note the difference between actual mole mounds and those made by pocket gophers. Regardless of your pests, Hugo Feed Mill has variety of products to help you with your needs.

For the wellbeing of your lawn it's important to mow the grass shorter (being mindful not to scalp your lawn) and to rake up any heavy drops of leaves to help prevent snow mold next spring. If leaves are dry and not too heavy, mulching them in when you mow is fine. Trimming around trees & shrubs, along with making sure you eliminate vole hiding spaces, placing bait stations and traps will help lessen vole damage in the If the recent influx of **Boxelder bugs** and **Asian beetles** has you "seeing red", check out our ready-to-use or concentrated formulas of insecticides for season long control.

As with our past October newsletters, we again urge everyone to examine their yard closely at this time of year—even to the point of mapping it out—to pinpoint problems you'd like to address next spring. In addition to eliminating guesswork, it promotes a focused, concerted effort toward the type of lawn and yard you've always dreamed of! Remember, we're ALWAYS here to field your questions and comments regarding your turf Needs. THANK YOU for continuing to patronize our store throughout the year! We would like to welcome Matt, he is our new face you'll see on



## TIMELY TURF TIP:

To lessen the chance of salt or pet damage, apply Gypsum in November before the ground freezes.

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