

Timely Turf Tips

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It's a jungle out there! This hot, humid, wet weather has weeds and crabgrass growing right in front of our eyes! It's true. I weeded and mowed yesterday and today it looks like the Amazon jungle. Crabgrass is a warm-season annual grass and it loves this moisture and heat. Nothing like a lime green lawn to have me re-evaluating the importance of a spring application of pre-emergent herbicide! But wait: we carry a post-emergent herbicide to get rid of crabgrass now! Check out the coupon below.

It's a Bug's World

Have you noticed with our warm, humid weather, bugs abound and ticks are still around? I've never seen so many dragonflies; milkweed is sporting monarch eggs and caterpillars; rose chafers were late but made up for it; Emerald Ash Borers are now found in Shoreview; and my boat and I were personally attacked on White Bear Lake by 100's of Japanese Beetles migrating across the lake. If you are experiencing insect problems in your yard, stop by to let us know and we will provide you with the appropriate integrated pest management solution.

Yard and Garden Tips for August:

- Don't let summer's heat discourage you from maintaining your gardens. Regular watering, weeding and harvesting (or removing faded flowers in flower gardens) will keep them productive through early autumn or later.
- Check ash trees for borers. The infestation is getting closer to the Hugo area although none reported here yet. If you suspect Emerald Ash Borer, let us know and we can treat your trees as one option.
- Spray post-emergent herbicide on crabgrass.
- Mid-August through mid-September is the best time of year to plant grass seed. Longer, cooler nights and reduced weed seed competition give grass seedlings a better start toward establishment. If you apply crabgrass herbicide, wait 3 weeks before seeding.
- Warm wet weather is favoring the growth of many fungal and bacterial leaf spot diseases in the flower garden. To identify which disease or pest problem you are seeing, visit ['What's wrong with my plant?'](#)
- Dig up and divide crowded iris beds that didn't bloom as well as they once did. Throw out the woody older center portions of rhizomes. Replant healthy, plump outer portions just below the soil surface. <http://tinyurl.com/28axw8m>
- Support locally grown products. Check out Minnesota Grown <http://www3.mda.state.mn.us/mngrown/>

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