Crosman's SEEDS

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LAWN CARE TIME TABLE

Fertilizing your lawn regularly is the most important step in growing a healthy attractive lawn. It also promotes a strong thick sod to absorb and trap moisture and lawn care products. This keeps undesirable substances from leaching into water supplies.

In some cases, insecticides and herbicides can be reduced by adopting a regular fertilizing program. This is why we do not promote a fixed "4 step" program that assumes that the use of insecticides and herbicides are necessary. The "4 step" programs that you often find in the big box stores do not embrace this **Intergraded Pest Management** school of thought. Simply put, **IPM** is a philosophy that promotes the responsible use of pesticides.

Do not assume that you have a grub problem without investigating first. Apply pesticides at the correct time to increase their effectiveness. Consider using fertilizers to help compete with unwanted weeds.

April – May:

Maintenance Fertilizer with or without **Pre-emergent** for crabgrass prevention. Pre-emergent must be timed with the budding of the forsythia bushes.

If there is grub damage from last fall an application of **Dylox** will help control them. They are harder to kill at this time of the season, so you may wish to wait until mid-August to treat.

June:

Maintenance Fertilizer with or without **Post-emergent** for broad leaved weeds, such as dandelions. Post-emergent must be applied on a damp lawn with no rain or irrigation for 48 – 72 hrs.

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July – August:

Mowing your lawn at a height of at least 3inches will help the lawn tolerate the usual droughts of summer.

If dead sod was found in the spring, it is usually a signal that there is grub damage. Look for sod that lifts off in large pieces. **Dylox** applied mid-August – Labor Day will target the young grubs hatching before they do much damage to lawn. Apply when rain is expected or irrigate soon after application.

September:

Maintenance Fertilizer with or without **Post-emergent** for broad leaved weeds.

October – November:

After your last mowing of the season (late October into November) apply a **Maintenance Fertilizer**.

NEW OR OVER-SEEDED LAWNS

It is recommended by Cornell University to apply a **Starter Fertilizer** whenever seeding. The phosphorous in the fertilizer is more soluble which makes it easier for the new seedlings to absorb. This will help to encourage a secondary blade and root structure to develop more quickly.

Remember, weed control, in any form, cannot be used on ungerminated seed or young grass seedlings. For crabgrass control use **Tupersan**. Broad leaf weed control can be used after the 4th mowing or 4 weeks before seeding.