

Outlook on Lifestyle

Take the safe, natural way to a beautiful lawn

Transforming a tattered lawn into a plush carpet can be achieved naturally without relying on potentially harmful

chemicals or synthetics.

Spring is the time to begin, so that by midsummer your lawn is healthy and vigorous enough to withstand hot weather and the outdoor activities that go with it.

A natural and safe program of lawn rejuvenation should start with a test for soil pH. Most lawn grasses grow best in slightly acid soil (around pH 6.5).

Soil test kits available at garden centers or your local extension service will help determine your lawn's precise needs. In the past, applying chemical ferti-

zers was generally considered the only practical and convenient method of supplying lawns with needed nutrients.

Thatch—the layer of undecomposed roots and stems that builds up at ground level, and prevents nutrients and moisture from reaching the roots—had to be removed by hand-raking or with a power-driven, and sometimes ineffective, dethatcher.

Now an all-natural, completely safe bio-organic alternative is available. It increases soil fertility, while also decreasing thatch.



A PLUSH LAWN LIKE THIS can be created and maintained naturally, without chemicals. Ringer Lawn Restore® eliminates fungal diseases, breaks down thatch and reestablishes the natural growth cycle of healthy turf.

Ringer Lawn Restore® contains high-protein concentrates and beneficial micro-organisms, which together recreate the natural cycle of growth that occurs in healthy turf.

A healthy soil then supports a healthy lawn. The micro-organisms also break down thatch into usable nutrients that are absorbed by grass roots.

In addition, Lawn Restore gradually releases nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium, the nutrients needed in greatest amounts by all turf grasses.

Lawn Restore can be applied easily with an ordinary push-type drop spreader. For best results on a tattered lawn, make three applications each year, in early spring, midsummer and early fall.

If disease or thatch problem is very severe, make an additional spring application 30 days after the first. Once your lawn is healthy, apply no more than twice a year, in spring and fall.

Along with the right soil additives, some of the best preventive medicine against disease, insects and weeds is proper watering and mowing. Occasional thorough waterings are more beneficial

than frequent but brief sprinklings.

A good way to monitor your lawn's needs is to place a coffee can on the lawn in the sprinkler's path and water until the can is filled up (6-8 inches). It is best to water before midday, so grass can dry before evening. Wet grass at night promotes fungus disease.

Lawns should be kept at a height of from 1 1/4-3/4 inches, depending on type of grass. A good general rule is to mow about once a week, whenever grass grows much above two inches high.

Grass can be kept somewhat higher in midsummer to reduce heat buildup in the turf. But avoid cutting more than one-third of the grass height at a time, or tender young growth may be exposed to damaging sunscald.

Be sure to keep the mower blades sharp and balanced. (Dull blades rip rather than cut, fraying and browning grass tips and making the lawn more prone to disease.)

Rotary blades can be sharpened easily with a file or sharpening stone. For safety's sake, always disconnect the spark plug wire before touching the blade.

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Home
Post Scripts



By Glenda Hughes, Sales Rep.

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This week marks the first anniversary of my opening column of Home Post Scripts. What a year it has been - how fast it has flown by - and I am still amazed that there seems to be endless material that crops up in my tiny brain, to write about each week. The original purpose of this column was to try to give helpful tips to the everyday person on the street, about improving their homes - but most of all to try and improve the overall image of the real estate agent to everyone.

I've written broadly on many subjects, with some mornings sitting at my typewriter with not a thought in sight and an hour to deadline! Sometimes it is a struggle, and other times, the words seem to fly off my fingers. As I look back over my 52 columns, the difference is incredible in thought and content. It has been a great joy to me to write each week and receive feedback from many people. I treasure the feedback almost as much as I treasure my profession, for it is truly the people who make all our efforts in this business worthwhile.

I received a letter from the President of our company, regarding a column I wrote about three months ago. The column was perhaps one of my favorites and perhaps in writing that column I was trying to help people place their priorities in life. This very busy man took the time to respond to my column and thank me for my efforts. I was touched by his letter, for I learned later, that he has had a lot to bear in his life - more than many of us hopefully. How wonderful that I have reached such people in such a small way. I hope that I have helped some of you too, in one way or another - but more than that, I hope that over the year, that you have realized that real estate agents are real people too, and most of us have dreams in our hearts.

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	1 YEAR	2 YEAR	3 YEAR	4 YEAR	5 YEAR	6 YEAR	7 YEAR	10 YEAR
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T.D. Bank	9%		9 1/2%	10%	10 1/2%	10 3/4%	11	
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