

Turf Tips



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RECAPPING THE SUMMER OF 1993

It's hard to believe the summer is over! The summer has been much more pleasant than last year. We hit record temperatures and enjoyed a lot more sunshine.

Damage caused by lawn insects this year was more noticeable over last year, with some areas needing some seed. Once treated, the damaged areas seemed to recover fairly well.

The occurrence of disease in lawns this year was higher. The diseases requiring dry, humid weather were very persistent while the cool, wet weather diseases were only visible in the spring and fall. The damage these diseases caused was more noticeable.

So here ends another season. It has been a pleasure bringing you our weekly Turf Tips. We hope they have been helpful and educational. If any questions arise, any time, our office is open all year (winter hours are staggered); we would be happy to help.

See you in the spring!

Sincerely,
Duncan and Eileen

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This is a weekly lawn care column.

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IODE celebrates birthdays with Allendale seniors

Sept. 7th — Once again we start our fall season with coffee and delicious desserts to get us started on another fall season. Everyone looking great after their super summer whether or not on holiday.

With the Regent Ernestine Foster in the chair our meeting got underway. Flag Salute and Prayer of the Order followed by reports from secretary and treasurer.

Our bale was sent off to headquarters in May and was valued at \$1452.00. So we know that some of the children as well as adults will have warm clothing for winter.

Our citizenship lady, Jess Coles, tells us we have one of our members and her family becoming Canadian citizens this coming month. Namely Eunice and Roy Gibson and family. We hope they will be very happy here in Canada and especially here in Acton with one and all. Congratulations folks!

Also Jess tells us of her trip on Warriors Day to the Exhibition. The parade being led by Lincoln Alexander and in honor of the Battle of the Atlantic 50 years ago.

A sight to see and our Royal Canadian Navy men leading the way. The mass band at the end not being there was a great disappointment to one and all. They also attended the Band Tatroo at the Skydome at night. A thrill for some of the family who had never been there.

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At one time 100 pipers from Scotland were on parade and bands from all over also were there to entertain. As well as over 800 dancers from everywhere in their Tartans thrilled everyone with their dancing. What a sight to see says Jess.

Meeting of our Bazaar committee will be held on Tuesday of this coming week to get things started for November.

Elma Braida presented the plaque to the "Most Improved Student" at St. Joseph's School.

Most important event coming up is our annual trip to the Halton Manor (Allendale). September 23 we will take a tea party to the birthday folk there. Some of the ladies will be going along to say "hello" and help serve.

The next meeting will be held on October 5 at 6:30 p.m. It is potluck and "Guest Night" — come and bring a friend and see what the IODE is trying to do for folk less fortunate than ourselves.

GREEN THUMB GARDENING



By CHRISTINE COLE

SUMMER VACATION IS OVER

Not only is the summer vacation over for the school kids but, it's over for your houseplants as well. Houseplants that have been vacationing outside for the summer are ready to come in for the winter. Even though the night temperatures are not falling to frosty depths they should still come in. Many houseplants will react disagreeably to night temperatures in the single digits. They look fine while they are outdoors but go into shock once they are brought indoors. Some plants, such as coleus geranium and hybiseus will defoliate heavily. Also, peanuts that are in bloom may drop their flowers.

If your plants have been outside in their pots sitting on a patio or deck you simply have to check them for insects that may be harboring under the pot or on the plant. Look in particular for sowbugs, slugs, earwigs, wireworms, aphids, etc. Remove any that are present.

However, if the plant is growing on the flower bed and you wish to bring it indoors, then it will have to be lifted, and potted. Geraniums, Dra-caenas, Begonias and Flowering Maples all make excellent houseplants. Water the plants well, while in the garden. With a spade or trowel dig around plant to loosen, lift from ground and put in a pot. Fill around the roots with a soil less potting medium. Do not use garden soil. It is not an appropriate indoor growing medium. Water with a transplanter fertilizer for the first few waterings. Refrain from using other fertilizer until new growth is visible.

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