

GREEN THUMB GARDENING



SUMMER TURF TIPS

- During hot, dry spells through the summer, cut your lawn so that is is longer. This will promote deeper rooting and therefore able to withstand drought better.
- Grass clippings are beneficial to your lawn. They are high in nitrogen (a nutrient) and provide necessary organic matter. However, a thick mat of grass clippings laying on the lawn can be harmful.
- Do not apply pesticides
 (insecticides, fungicides or herbicides) or fertilizers during hot,
 dry periods in the summer.
- A few common diseases such as Summer Patch, Brown Patch and Dollar Spot may appear during high heat. All produce irregular round patches of varying sizes. The best method to avoid one of these disease problems is to water deeply, use slow-release fertilizers throughout the growing season and use an appropriate fungicide if necessary.
- Sod can be successfully laid during mid-summer if watered properly. Start watering within 15 minutes, leaving it one hour without water once unrolled can cause damage that will take weeks to correct.
- Bare and thin patches of lawn can be reseeded again beginning in mid-August (weather permitting). Cover lawn with a thin layer of topsoil (1/4-1/2 inch thick). Spread lawn seed at 1/2 rate. Roll with an empty roller. Keep well watered till seeds germinate.

Each week Christine Cole of Tuitman's Garden Centre and Landscaping, Highway 25, 1 mile south of Acton, 853-2480, will be presenting helpful tips and information to assist you in creating your garden show-place!

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