

# Turf Tips



## IS IT CRABGRASS?

It is not uncommon for our customers to call us in the early spring to help them get rid of that pesky Crabgrass in their lawn.

If the weed grass is present in early spring, the problem is likely not Crabgrass but probably a perennial weed grass such as Quackgrass.

Quackgrass is extremely vigorous, taller, faster growing and lighter green than desirable lawn grasses. Quackgrass has a broad grass blade and a tough, wiry network of underground stems. It is useless to treat Quackgrass with a "Crabgrass preventer." Crabgrass preventers are only effective in preventing new seeds, such as Crabgrass seeds, from rooting.

There is no selective weed control material for Quackgrass. The recommended procedure for control and/or suppression of Quackgrass is to "stunt it out" or "crowd it out." This is accomplished by supplying a good program of fertility to the turf, in order to thicken it up. In addition, the lawn should be mowed frequently (every 3 to 4 days) at a slightly reduced height than normally recommended, 4 to 5 cm (1 1/2 to 1 3/4 inches). This will help stunt the growth of the Quackgrass and encourage desirable grasses to crowd out the Quackgrass.

### Weed Man

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# OPP cop earns provincial Chamber of Commerce award

By KAREN SMITH  
The Champion

A Milton OPP constable has been named Police Officer of the Year by the Ontario Chamber of Commerce.

Constable Dave Thomas, 33, a local resident who has worked at the Milton OPP detachment for more than three years, was notified about the award last month.

The officer, who has organized a long list of community policing and traffic safety programs, and has helped raise money for several charities, called the news, simply, an "honour."

The humble cop said the Milton community deserves a good portion of the credit for supporting his various initiatives.

"The success of our community policing initiatives has been a direct result of the excellent support the Milton detachment has received from both our private and corporate citizens."

Senior OPP officials, other police



Dave Thomas

forces and the media have also contributed greatly with their support and cooperation, he said.

The constable admitted he has put in countless hours of his own time

toward his projects.

Over the past year, he initiated six major programs, including one organized for the purpose of curtailing drinking and driving.

Constable Thomas was also the backbone behind the OPP's Victim Assistance Program and Operation Bus Watch, a program aimed at ensuring motorists stop for school buses.

Milton OPP Staff Sergeant Al Smouter, who nominated Constable Thomas, said the programs have made an impact on the community as a result of the officer's "committed and determined efforts."

Constable Thomas also planned and carried out six charitable functions last year. Proceeds went to organizations including Child Find, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Halton and the Canadian Red Cross Society.

The officer has won several awards, among them the National Police Award for Traffic Safety and the OPP Incentive Award.

Constable Thomas formerly worked out of the OPP's Port Credit detachment before being transferred to Milton in September, 1990. His wife Brenda is also an OPP officer.

The Chamber will present him the Police Officer of the Year Award tomorrow night (Saturday) during the organization's annual conference in Thornhill.

The award is given annually to a member of the OPP who has contributed to police service through such programs as community policing, crime prevention, traffic safety or other specialized activity.

## Halton's pipes

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On Wednesday, Burlington councillor Don Carter commended public works employees for placing "out of order" bags on affected hydrants the day after the fire. He expressed some concern, saying there are now 14 hydrants in the area which are deemed "out of order" and more have been bagged since.

Burlington councillor Bob Brechin suggested the pipes be cleaned but that was thought unsatisfactory as it would take several months.

"Well, I'd rather drink coloured water for a while than have my house burn down," Mr. Brechin said.

Oakville councillor Fred Oliver questioned whether residents of neighbourhoods with hydrants taken out of service would be facing home insurance premium increases. That question was answered in the closed door session.

# GREAT IGA HOMETOWN SPRING

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