



Lawn & Shrub Spraying
 Indoor Pest Management
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Today's Application

Today I applied a winter rate fertilizer along with a full strength broad leaf weed control product.

The **weed control** product will target a wide variety of broad leaf weeds; weeds that are now present, and as a preemergent to help prevent weed seeds from germinating. The **fertilizer** is the nutrition your lawn needs as we enter the dormant months.

Call us if you notice anything unusual in your lawn. There is still the possibility of active turf destroying insects and fungus is always a concern. The sooner we are notified about suspicious areas the earlier we can check and take care of your problem.

The weed control product will take approximately 25 days to work. Please call us if you need additional weed control after this time period.

Please water today or tomorrow for 30 minutes. Water restrictions allow you to water in our treatments.

Today you received the last routinely scheduled treatment of the 2009 growing season. As we enter the dormant months, the nutrient needs of your turf will diminish and therefore we will not be applying full rate fertilizer until the Spring, usually middle March to April. Your service remains active, and your monthly payments still due.

CRABGRASS AND SEDGE TREATMENTS:

If you would like your Crabgrass or Sedge treated, please let us know. These programs are affordably priced and have proven to be very popular choices for our homeowners. Over time, these treatments will eliminate your Crabgrass or Sedge, while allowing the St. Augustine turf to fill in, eliminating the need to re-sod problem areas. The deadline to sign up for these programs is December 15, 2009.

INDOOR PEST MANAGEMENT:

Why in the world would you put up with roaches or insects in your home? Roaches and insects spread bacteria that cause food poisoning and are associated with allergies and asthma. Let us help you protect your home and family.

BROADLEAF WEEDS:

Due to weather conditions, there has been tremendous weed pressure in 2009. Weeds that have emerged will continue to be a problem as the growth rate of your St. Augustine turf slows. We will continue to treat weeds during the dormant months as a result. Please notify us if you need weed treatment.

Sprayer/Date

Your lawn service is still active year round. We are happy to take care of problems that arise. Service calls are included in the yearly cost of your agreement and we are happy to respond to your calls. Service calls are usually responded to within a few days. Please call us with any questions or concerns. Our office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm. There is an answering system when we are not available or you can send us a message through the web site: www.TradsOfJacksonville.com

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Is there really a dormant season in North Florida? Absolutely. Dormancy is not only about the presence of cold weather. There are many natural factors at work that create the dormant season: shorter daylight hours, cooler evening & early morning temperatures, lower soil temperatures, etc. The natural cycle of nature provides this period of low growth. Turf destroying insects are not as active, and plants “sleep” during the dormant months. That is why we do not treat regularly during this time of year. Here is information about the dormant months you may find helpful:

Watering your lawn through the dormant months: Although your lawn will need less water, please remember your grass is a plant, and plants need moisture to live. Watering to prevent drought is still required during the dormant months. Your irrigation schedule should slowly decrease as the temperatures cool. During the winter months, irrigate your lawn once per week, for approximately 30 minutes per zone. If your grass shows signs of drought stress (leaf blades folded, gray haze, crunchy, etc), increase your irrigation.

Preventing winter damage: Last winter season caused a great deal of damage and many homeowners lost portions of their lawn or ornamentals. Although there is no way to prevent winter damage, two basic steps to help avoid damage is to irrigate properly through the dormant months and remove thatch buildup. We do not know what kind of winter we will have. We do know that turf that is weak going into winter or from lack of moisture may not come out of winter alive. Lawns with uncorrected thatch issues usually come out of winter with dead patches.

Mowing your lawn through the dormant months: The frequency you mow your lawn will also start to slow down. During the dormant months you may only need to mow every two to three weeks. Remember to pick up your clippings if you have weeds, and do not allow the grass to get too high between mowing. Infrequent mowing will contribute to thatch buildup. Spreading grass clippings when you have weeds or disease reseeds the weeds and spreads disease.

Use your service: Your service remains in effect, your payments are still due. We are available to answer your questions, help with an irrigation schedule, check and treat your lawn for problems, and give you cultural advice. We are open Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm. We have an answering system to take your calls when we are not available or you can contact us through our web site:
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What are the consequences of fertilizing dormant grass? Fertilizing late in the year (December), or early in the year (January/February) when grass is dormant can lead to injury. The growth that occurs after fertilization is susceptible to cold or freeze damage. Additionally, encouraging turf growth dormancy can cause the grass to use up its nutrient reserves; meaning the grass will have difficulty coming out of dormancy and greening up in the Spring. If the lawn is under any other type of stress, (drought for example) this can kill the lawn. Another factor that is often overlooked is what happens to the fertilizer. During dormancy, the shoots and roots of your turf grass go into a sleep mode along with the grass blades. Fertilizer is taken up by the roots, that is part of the reason you irrigate after we fertilize. If the roots are dormant, the amount of fertilizer the roots take up is minimal. So where does the fertilizer go? Down through the soil into the ground water. Our commitment to Best Management Practices means we do not heavily fertilize during dormancy.

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