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# October Lawn Tips

## Happy Halloween! Free Yellow Bucket of Compost

Drop by our store to get a **FREE five gallon Yellow Bucket** brimming with **Soil3 organic humus compost** (\$19 value).

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### October Tips for Warm Season Lawns (Zoysia, Bermuda, Centipede)

- The window is closing to **apply pre-emergent weed control** on established warm-season lawns. If you experienced a lot of rainfall from the hurricane, you may need to reapply pre-emergent herbicide.
- **Nitrogen is a no-no:** Don't use pre-emergent products that contain fertilizer high in nitrogen (sold as "weed and feed"). Your warm season lawn is going dormant and doesn't need much fertilizer - in fact, high nitrogen can cause damage due to increased tender growth that is killed during the winter and it can increase fungal problems that show up in the spring. Fall applications should consist of a higher phosphorus and potassium content like 5-10-25 with pre-emergent or 5-10-30. Wait until late spring 2017 to use a high nitrogen fertilizer on Zoysia, Bermuda, and Centipede.
- **Fungicide:** Warm season lawns get an application of fungicide in October (once soil temps lower to 70 degrees) to help reduce the possibility of Large Patch. Remember, an ounce of prevention in the fall is cheaper and

- easier than curing Large Patch in the spring!
- **Do not aerate warm-season lawns** in fall; wait until spring.
- **Keep mowing** your warm-season lawn until it goes dormant. It's best to keep your lawn at regular mow-height for winter, and not let it grow long. On the other hand, *do not scalp!* Keep it at normal height for your type of lawn.

## October Tips for Cool Season Lawns in The Upstate (Tall Fescue)

- **Overseed** with our [Elite Tall Fescue blend](#) of dark green, disease-resistant, and drought-tolerant Tall Fescue varieties.
- Get **instant impact** with **Elite Tall Fescue sod**, available as a single roll or in full pallets. Reply to this email for a sod quote.
- **Aerating Existing Fescue Lawns using Soil3:** [Aerating improves](#) established Tall Fescue lawns by increasing air, water, and nutrient availability in the root zone of your lawn. Use a core aerator and for best results spread a 1/4" layer of Soil3 organic compost after aerating. *Don't aerate a newly sodded Fescue lawn because it's not rooted and it will be torn up in the process.*
- **PRE-emergent Herbicide on Fescue:** If you are about to plant Fescue seed, omit pre-emerge herbicide. If you have an established Fescue lawn and have no intention whatsoever of overseeding, then it's time to apply a pre-emergent herbicide.
- **POST-emergent Herbicide on NEW Fescue:** If you planted a brand new Fescue lawn from seed and in the process tilled up the existing soil, you've likely kicked up weed seeds and exposed them to light (light is one of the factors that causes seeds to germinate). The seeds are probably now germinating and you're worried about the weeds alongside your Fescue seedlings. **Here's a rule of thumb:** it's okay to apply a post-emergent herbicide (such as Trimec) labeled for use on Tall Fescue lawns after you've mowed your new lawn three to four times.
- **Fertilize Existing Fescue Lawns:** Use a fertilizer for Tall Fescue, such as 16-4-8 fertilizer for spreading on established Elite Tall Fescue lawns through the cool growing season.
- Along with fertilization, **you may need to apply lime** to neutralize the pH of your soil. Optimal soil pH is critical for your grass to be able to uptake the important nutrients supplied by your fertilizer. *Take a soil test to determine if your soil needs lime.*
- **Mowing Tall Fescue Seedlings:** The first time to mow your lawn (at a 2.5-3" cut height) is when the seedlings reach 3-4" tall. In fact, mowing will promote growth (both root and shoot growth)! So don't be timid. Mow it.
- Continue to **mow** your Fescue lawn as needed throughout the winter at

- 2.5" to 3" cutting height.

## Fall Armyworm Alert

**A large number of birds in a turf area may be a sign of Fall Armyworms since they are an excellent food source for birds. Tap this button to learn how to diagnose and kill Fall Armyworms.**

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