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## **New Video:** **Two Views on** **Shade and Turf**

### **#1 Asked Question at Super-Sod**

*I have this shady spot in my yard and nothing will grow,  
what can I do?*

**This video has explanations and solutions!**

Two Views on Shade and Turf

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776 views

#### **Problems with shade:**

- **All plants need sunlight to survive. Anytime you put a sun-loving plant in the shade, you are putting it on a diet.**
- **The human eye is very poor at seeing degrees of shade. We can tell that an area is shaded, but not the amount of shade.**
- **If there is not even a weed growing in a shaded area, chances are, turfgrass will not thrive there.**

#### **Solutions for shade:**

- **Assess your site.**
- **Simply pruning the trees; removing lower limbs to allow more sunlight through the canopy can improve the quality of your turf and its ability to withstand shade.**
- **Choose the best turfgrass for your area. We have a**

- [turfgrass selector](#) to help you with that!
- For really dense shade consider planting monkey grass, shade-loving shrubs, and perennials or spreading mulch.

## Spring & Summer Weed Control

- It's too late to apply **pre-emergent herbicides** to stop spring and summer weeds from germinating. The weed seeds have already germinated, even if you can't see them. Weed and Feed products at this time are a waste of money.
- Spring and Summer are the seasons when **post-emergent weed control** comes into play.
- **Keep your lawn mowed to prevent weeds** from flowering, forming seeds, and germinating all over again. Regular mowing will help to stop the weed cycle.
- **The Truth:** *Hand weeding is a viable option.* It's safe/organic, it's decent exercise, and it's meditative "alone time" (nobody will interrupt you while you're weeding - they want you to get it done!). Hand weeding is also a way to employ the children in your family and neighborhood who want some pocket change.
- **Mulch** is amazing at controlling weeds in flower/shrub beds.

## More Lawn Care Tips

- It's time for your first application of **fertilizer on your warm season lawn**. If you don't aerate and [compost-topdress](#), then use one of our fertilizer blends.
- **Stop fertilizing your Tall Fescue** lawn for the summer; resume again in the fall. We'll let you know when.
- [Introducing Level Mix](#). **Topdressing of turf** also refers to a thick layer (no more than 1/2 of the blade height) of sand or topsoil intended to improve the surface texture of the land under the turf - to even out bumps and depressions. The goal of topdressing like that is to create a smooth playing surface, often for sports field

- and golf courses, and is often necessary to smooth newly established home and commercial lawns. Topdressing for evening out turf requires a thicker layer of topdressing material (compared with compost-topdressing as a fertilizer application). We sell and deliver 1 cubic yards of [Level Mix](#) in the familiar BigYellowBag.
- For a better looking lawn, we have **Allett reel lawn mowers**. Now you can care for your warm-season lawn like the pros! Read [All About Allett Mowers](#).

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