



## COMPLETE TURF MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

1. Early Spring Application –Fertilizer with crabgrass control
2. Spring Application –Weed control
3. Late Spring Application–Fertilizer/Weed control
4. Early Summer Application–Insect/Grub control and Weed control
5. Early Fall Application–Fertilizer/Overseed/Aeration
6. Late Fall Application– Fertilizer/Weed control

**Soil test (Required by MD Dept Of Agriculture) \$25.00 not included in above prices**  
Required by MDA to be done at least every three years

Below is a detailed description of what will be done at each visit:

### **Early Spring**-February/March

A balanced fertilizer is applied so that the lawn will begin growth and development for the new season. During this period the grass is developing new roots, rhizomes and tillers that will increase the density of the turf. At the same time, a pre-emergent herbicide will be applied to eliminate crabgrass. A hand sprayer will be used to kill any weeds that may be actively growing. This application needs to be watered in after waiting 24 hours but during this time of year natural rainfall is quite frequent

### **Spring**- March/April

This is the time of year that weeds will be growing vigorously. The lawn will be inspected and weeds will be sprayed individually. Broadleaf weeds are easily controlled with a broadleaf herbicide. Do not water until the following day.

### **Late Spring**- April/May

Additional fertilizer is applied at this time to promote healthy growth throughout the summer months. The fertilizer contains slow release nitrogen to keep the grass healthier for a longer period of time. Broadleaf weeds are easily controlled with a broadleaf herbicide. Any crabgrass that did germinate will be controlled at this time with a post-emergent herbicide. Do not water until the following day.



### **Summer-** May/June/July

The lawn is preparing to go into summer dormancy. This is nature's way of protecting the grass from severe heat and drought conditions. Any weeds or crabgrass will be controlled. Weed seeds are constantly being brought to your lawn. An insecticide may be applied to prevent damage from insects. No fertilizer is applied at this time because they would make the lawn susceptible to a variety of pests. Do not water until the following day.

### **Early Fall-** August/September

This is the most involved visit of the year. Three different processes are done on this visit. First, the lawn will be aerated to increase the amount of oxygen in the soil. Aeration also reduces compaction, which can inhibit the growth of grass roots. Next, we reseed with the highest quality state recommended seed. Fall is the best time of year to seed a lawn. Finally, a fertilizer that is designed to promote healthy roots is applied to provide ample nutrients for the new seedlings. Any crabgrass that is present will be controlled. This can be watered immediately.

### **Late Fall-** October/November

Now is the time to give the lawn a very liberal feeding of fertilizer to stimulate increased root development. Again, any late appearing weeds will be controlled.

### Optional Service

#### **Lime-** December/January

Lime is applied at this time of year. A soil test is required by the state every three years. We will notify you of the results and if any lime is necessary. Lime is an **extra cost** and is not included in the basic price of the Turf Management Program.

\*\*\*We will always leave behind a yard sign (required by law) and information that will let you know we were there and what treatment was done to your lawn.