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Time for step 3

I am getting a lot of calls about all the weeds we are now seeing; Yellow Nutsedge, Large Crabgrass, Spurge, and Purslane to name a few. I have added pictures of these at the end of this letter to help you identify some of them. All can be controlled, but unfortunately not by the same products. But if re-seeding is in your future, don't do anything about them now. You need to concentrate on getting the new seed started and can go after the perennial weeds after the first frost. The annual weeds are not a concern because the first frost will kill them. Not sure which weeds you have call or bring a sample in to be analyzed.

If weeds are a problem and especially the winter annuals. These are annual weeds (chickweed, henbit, purple nettle and others) that germinate in the fall, lay dormant through the winter and re-awake early next spring. If you had these issues last spring or are having weeds now, replace Step 3 with Step 2. You will get the same fertilization as in 3 but will get some weed control as well. Apply a couple days after you have mowed, and when the weeds are wet/damp (like after heavy dews). You want Step 2 to stick to the weeds, so do not mow or irrigate your lawn for a couple days after you have applied Step 2.

STEP 3: Step 3, is a slow release fertilizer used to rebuild the nutrients used throughout the summer. It also wakes up the lawn to create that lush thick lawn everyone is trying to obtain. This step is one of the easiest to apply. Step 3 can go on anytime and doesn't need rain immediately. It also is a great tree and shrub fertilizer for the fall application.

If you need to re-seed or seed some new areas, now is the best time. Be sure that the seed comes in contact with "mud making dirt". We do have available in our rental center slit seeders, lawn combers, and aerators that will do the work for you, or if you're looking for a free workout grab the rake. Whichever way you choose to re-seed your lawn, remember to use the correct seed for your soil and your maintenance practices. We have many different mixes of grass seed, one will be just right for you. Remember, do not apply Step 2 or use any broad leaf weed killer to the area that you want to re-seed. It can harm the germination of your grass seed. If you're not sure, or have questions contact us.

Do you have dead patches that if pulled, they pull up like loose carpeting? Your problem is most likely grubs. Remember that fall is also a great time to apply an insecticide for grub control. For season long control, use Merit, and be sure to water it in heavily. The rule of thumb is to use the same amount of water/rain for the depth of thatch that you have, ($\frac{1}{2}$ " thatch $\frac{1}{2}$ " rain/water.) Speaking of thatch; now is a good time for core aerating your lawn if your thatch is over $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick. We have core aerators for rent in our rental center. And don't forget **MULCH**. We still have many different types and colors available.

Now I could use your help, in this world of social media, businesses live and die by reviews. If you feel so moved to review us either on yelp or google business it will be much appreciated. Remember to follow the store on Facebook. I am posting issues that are coming across my desk. Be the first to be in the know.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 419-352-5231 ask for John at the BG Store, text me at 419-308-8074, email me at john.krukemyer@mid-wood.com or knock on my front door. I will be glad to help!!

Thank You,

John Krukemyer

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If You Like Our Lawn Care Program, Please Tell A Friend.**



YELLOW NUTSEGE: Grows upright, light green with a triangular stem, pulls easily and has a bulb like root, it is a perennial and will be back next year with more friends.

LARGE CRABGRASS: Grows flat to the ground, somewhat flat stem with hints of red at the base, has a 5 finger seed head, is an annual



SPURGE: Grows flat mat like from a center root, has a purplish spot in the center of the leaf, is an annual

PURSLANE: Grows flat mat like from a center root, leaves are waxy and lighter green, will have a reddish stem, is an annual