

Organic Lawn Care

Improve Your Soil's Health – The Foundation Of All Organic Programs



Molasses -

Apply at least once a year – spring (March) or fall (September – October). Molasses increases microbial activity in the soil that releases nutrients and fertilizes. Molasses seems to drive fire ants out of your yard as an added bonus.

Fertilize -

Apply Gardenville 7-2-2, our favorite brand, can be used on trees, shrubs, beds, lawn and veggies. Apply February – March; June; and mid September. Can apply more often if you'd like! Organic based fertilizers are non-burning and slow release. Usually you'll see results 2 – 3 weeks after applying.

Mowing -

Mow regularly at recommended height for your grass, lawn grasses like mowing, weeds don't. Mowing thickens lawns to crowd out weeds. Mulch grass clippings to recycle nutrients. This is a great practice since southern lawns don't get thatch buildup. We have separate info on mowing heights.

Water deeply, less frequently -

Encourages roots to grow deeply. Most cities limit to twice weekly during the summer (that's enough). Monitor your watering schedule! We have separate info on watering during summer's heat.

Weed control -

Apply corn gluten meal in spring (February – March) and fall (Mid September) to prevent weeds from seeds. Not 100% control but natural. Control existing weeds with a mixture of undiluted 10%-20% vinegar, 2 oz. Orange oil and 2 drops liquid soap. Forewarning, it will burn green lawn grasses as well. Best used to control green weeds during the winter amongst dormant lawns. Some weeds with large root

systems require repeated applications to control. Hand pull or dig out if you have just a few weeds. You'll be surprised how many weeds you can pull in 15-20 minutes. Pulling after rain or sprinkling makes it a lot easier to get the roots - a great way to meet and greet your neighbors!

Grubs & Flea control -

Apply beneficial Nematodes. These microscopic worms attack grubs and flea larvae and reduce them to acceptable levels. Its Good Bugs vs. Bad Bugs.

Fungal Problems –

Brown Patch on St Augustine usually occurs when we have cool nights below 70 degrees and damp moist conditions. We carry 'Serenade', an organic fungal spray that contains bacteria that eats various fungus among us. Once again, Good Bugs vs. Bad Bugs.) Horticultural corn meal (not the same as corn gluten meal) helps prevent fungal problems as well.

Patience –

Finally, if you've been using various chemical products on your lawn, be patient. Organic programs can take time restoring the balance of life back to your lawn. You won't see a change overnight, it may take a couple of years – but the benefits are worth it. Safe products for pets, kids, and adults protect your trees while providing you with a healthy lawn. Your lawn will require less water and endure stress better. During the drought of 2006 we had a number of testimonials to the benefits of an organic program. We are here to help you along your way.

Feed The Soil
Not The Plant
Old Amish Saying