

Spring start up, where do I begin...

Over the winter, you should be checking for mite damage in turf and ornamental plantings especially if we are having a dry winter. In turf, SW facing areas are particularly susceptible. If mites are detected, there are several Miticides/Insecticides/Ovicides to choose from. Look for A/I's: Bifenthrin (Bifen 7.9), Abamectin (Lucid), Bifen XTS, Hexygon (Hexythiazox).

If grubs were detected last year, chances are good they will be back again this year. A grub treatment is recommended in early spring and again in mid-late fall when grubs are up in the soil where they are feeding on grass and plant roots. Look for the A/I: Acelepryn (Clorantraniliprole), Arena (Clothianidin), Dylox (Triclorfon)

If you want to use a preemergent, it is critical to apply the A/I prior to morning soil temperatures reaching 55 degrees at a 2" depth for a few consecutive days. That is the temperature when seed germination begins. The application should be timed with a moisture event within 3 days to release the A/I to create the desired barrier. If the treated property receives too much moisture, it can move A/I to off target sites. Look for the A/I: Dimension (Dithiopyr), Barricade (Prodiamine), T/I 2.5G (Trifluralin & Isoxaben) Snapshot, Semera SC (Flumioxazin). T/I & Semera not labeled for turf application.

There are several other factors to consider in the spring to keep your lawn and plants looking green and healthy.

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