Planters' Choice Lawn Care Program (2023)

March - Soil Test

Can be done as soon as the ground thaws. Getting a soil test done lets you know what you are working with in the soil. Knowing what type of soil you have is important to being successful throughout the season. A simple soil test will tell you the pH, soil type, organic matter, and nutrient levels. This information will influence the products you use.

1) April - Crabgrass Pre-emergent with fertilizer

This is the first application of the season. It will prevent crabgrass and some broadleaf weeds from germinating and growing in your lawn.

- **20-0-8 .15 Dimension - Prevents crabgrass and other weeds. Will also kill baby crabgrass.**
- 16-0-8 .38 Barricade - Prevents crabgrass and some broadleaf weeds. Will NOT kill anything that is already growing.
- 22-0-6 .86 Team Pro - Will Prevent crabgrass and some broadleaf weeds. Has 2 active ingredients to prevent crabgrass and weeds. Will NOT kill anything that is already growing.
- 21-22-4 Mesotrione - For lawns that need spring seeding. Has starter fertilizer for seed. Has Mesotrione to prevent crabgrass. Will kill crabgrass and weeds that are growing. TURNS CRABGRASS AND WEEDS WHITE.

2) May - Crabgrass Pre-emergent and fertilizer

This is the second application of the season. It extends the pre-emergent life later into the season.

- **20-0-8 .15 Dimension - Prevents crabgrass and other weeds. Will also kill baby crabgrass.**
- 19-0-6 Confront 3 .145 Dimension - Will prevent crabgrass and some broadleaf weeds. Will also kill baby crabgrass and broadleaf weeds that are already growing. MUST BE APPLIED TO DAMP LAWNS TO WORK.

May - Preventative fungicides

The Beginning of May is the time for you to start your preventative fungicide program.

- Eagle - Broad spectrum. Will prevent most of your Spring/Summer diseases.
- Bayleton 1% - Broad spectrum. Will prevent most of your Spring/Summer diseases.

3) June - Insect Control and fertilizer

This is the third application of the season. This will prevent grubs and chinch bugs

- **20-0-5 Acelepryn - Prevents grubs and kills chinch bugs.**

OR

Broadleaf weed control with fertilizer

This is for lawns that are very shady and do not have insect issues.

- 19-0-6 Lockup - Kills broadleaf weeds. MUST BE APPLIED TO DAMP LAWNS TO WORK. Will NOT kill or prevent crabgrass.
- 25-0-5 Trimec - Kills broadleaf weeds. MUST BE APPLIED TO DAMP LAWNS TO WORK. Will NOT kill or prevent crabgrass.

4) July - Insect control with fertilizer

This is the fourth application of the season. This will control surface feeding insects such as chinch bugs.

- **17-0-5 Bifenthrin - Contact insecticide. Insects MUST be present for it to work. MUST be watered in ASAP to activate. Will NOT work on grubs.**

OR

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- 19-0-6 Lockup - Kills broadleaf weeds. MUST BE APPLIED TO DAMP LAWNS TO WORK. Will NOT kill or prevent crabgrass.

- 25-0-5 Trimec - Kills broadleaf weeds. MUST BE APPLIED TO DAMP LAWNS TO WORK. Will NOT kill or prevent crabgrass.

5) August - Non-fertilizer application

This is the fifth application of the season. This is the time to take care of break through issues and prepare for seeding.

- Insect Control - 0-0-7 Acelepryn - Prevents grubs and kills chinch bugs
- Broadleaf Weed Control - 0-0-7 LockUp - Kills broadleaf weeds. MUST BE APPLIED TO DAMP LAWNS TO WORK. Will NOT kill or prevent crabgrass.
- Pelletized Lime - Raises pH. Use soil test results to determine how much is needed.

6) September - Seeding and starter fertilizer

This is the sixth application of the season. This is the best time to reseed lawns and fix damage from the harsh summer weather. Seed blends should be determined by individual property.

- **21-22-4 Mesotrione starter fertilizer - Has starter fertilizer for seed. Has Mesotrione to prevent crabgrass. Will kill crabgrass and weeds that are growing. TURNS CRABGRASS AND WEEDS WHITE.**
- 16-25-12 MESA Starter - Straight starter fertilizer. MESA slow release fertilizer. No weed control.
- 12-25-12 Starter - Straight starter fertilizer. No weed control.

OR

If you are not seeding

- **20-0-5 MESA 1% Iron - Straight fertilizer. High Nitrogen. MESA slow release fertilizer. Gives a deep green color.**
- 19-0-6 Lockup - Kills broadleaf weeds. MUST BE APPLIED TO DAMP LAWNS TO WORK. Will NOT kill or prevent crabgrass.
- 25-0-5 Trimec - Kills broadleaf weeds. MUST BE APPLIED TO DAMP LAWNS TO WORK. Will NOT kill or prevent crabgrass.

7) October - Broadleaf weed control with fertilizer

This is the seventh application of the season. This is the best time to kill broadleaf weeds.

- **19-0-6 Lockup - Kills broadleaf weeds. MUST BE APPLIED TO DAMP LAWNS TO WORK. Will NOT kill or prevent crabgrass.**
- 25-0-5 Trimec - Kills broadleaf weeds. MUST BE APPLIED TO DAMP LAWNS TO WORK. Will NOT kill or prevent crabgrass.

8) November - Pre-emergent with fertilizer

This is the eighth and final application of the season. Putting down a pre-emergent will help give you a head start for next season.

- **16-0-8 .38 Barricade - Prevents crabgrass and some broadleaf weeds. Will NOT kill anything that is already growing.**

OR

Straight fertilizer

Use a half rate of straight fertilizer to help keep the lawn fed throughout the winter.

- 20-0-5 MESA 1% Iron - Straight fertilizer. High Nitrogen. MESA slow release fertilizer. Gives a deep green color.

The program above allows you to be on properties once a month. Regular visits to a property gives you the opportunity to scout for problems and keep breakthroughs to a minimum. If you need to cut out applications you can take applications 5, 6, and 8 out of the program. The products in bold are **my recommendations** for best results – *Trevor H.*