

## **MOTHER NATURE**

## **Spring**

- > She greens your lawn up with the help of water and temps, we have to wait for it to start greening up so it will actually take up the fertilizer. (If the lawn is still fairly dormant and brown it will not take up food effectively.)
- > She also never gives us enough water in April and rarely in May and water is what pushes root growth. The deeper your roots the less water you need in the summer but they only grow in the spring with proper watering. If you did not get our watering handout at the end of last year let me know and I'll get you one.
- > During this time she keeps the temps perfect allowing fertilizer applications without risk of burning.
- This is also the perfect time to kill weeds because they absorb it better when it's cooler.

## Summer

- > She really dries us out typically but if you started watering early and developed deep roots you shouldn't have to break the bank to keep a green lawn.
- When she heats up weeds begin to protect themselves by closing their pores. When weeds close their pores they do not absorb my weed control making it less effective.
- Watering no later than 24 hours after our application is necessary when she is hot. Applications can be watered as soon as they dry the same day usually within an hour or two.

## Fall/Winter

- > She starts cooling down around late-September and that's when we can start our last application.
- She's keeping the temps down now so watering is not as critical at this time but don't stop yet.
- Again, she doesn't usually give us enough moisture in Sep. and Oct. so it's important to keep watering. Summer watering schedule is probably a little too much so start dropping a day out of your schedule every couple of weeks until you're down to 1 day a week through the second or third week of October.
- Now that she's cooled down we can start killing those weeds that came up in the summer heat.

Everything we do is dependent on Mother Nature. We can't get started in the spring until she has the grass ready to eat. We can't spray when she is actively raining and definitely not in the wind unless you want to pay to fertilize your neighbor's lawn. We can't kill weeds in the heat without round-up which we can't use on the lawn. If we get too much moisture (extremely rare) like last May it can be more harmful than good. The first application we like to have done by May 15<sup>th</sup> if Mother Nature works with us. Once we have been on your property the first time we will be back within 5-6 weeks like clockwork.