

NOTES FOR 2018 SEASON

Crabgrass vs. Tall Fescue



Crabgrass is an annual grass that comes up from seed.

It doesn't germinate until temps reach 90.

Because it likes hot, it typically only grows along concrete edges like sidewalks and driveways or in pavers (like the picture), etc.

It is more of a weed than a grass.

Tall Fescue is a perennial grass like bluegrass.

It is native and very hardy so it just volunteers.

Because it is so similar to bluegrass, whatever kills fescue will also kill your bluegrass (such as round-up).



Hopefully this clears up the difference between crabgrass and tall fescue. Every spring I get lots and lots of calls "can you kill the crabgrass in my lawn?" and now you know why I know it's not crabgrass and why I can't kill it.

NEWS

4 Seasons Lawn Care will now be offering text, email and voicemail options for service notifications (the calls prior to us spraying). If you haven't let Shelli know your preference, please do so. Keep in mind, Shelli does not carry a cell phone and there is limited service at the office, so always call the office number and leave a voicemail message, the office phone does not accept text messages.

4 Seasons Lawn Care now has a website (still under some construction) that will answer all your questions, or that's the idea. The webpage will offer a question and answer type format or navigation directly to the subject of your question. All the information that has been provided over the years will be available at the webpage. Seasonal alerts will be posted such as "need to water during the winter because of the lack of moisture", etc. Our website address is – 4seasonswyo.com.

Reminders

We do not mail traditional invoices because our bills are due at the time of service, not net 30 days, which means the paperwork we leave the day we spray is the invoice and is due that day.

Our program is a process, meaning, as we build the health of your lawn, we "control" weeds until your lawn is healthy enough to choke them out itself. If your lawn is allowed to get stressed, usually by not enough watering during heat or lack of aerating, then it will allow the growth of weeds and they are difficult to kill during the heat because of their biology, not because of anything we do different. Keeping your lawn thick and healthy will keep the weeds away, allowing your lawn to suffer stress will allow weeds to grow.

FINALLY

We had to raise our prices this year, the first time in over 3 years. We try to keep the pencils sharp with our vendors, fuel, insurance, chemicals, but eventually we have to increase prices. We try to keep it to a minimum so the average increase is \$25-30 per year, of course our much bigger properties will see a slightly larger increase.

Hopefully the website and increased notification options will be pleasant and useful additions to our services.