



Ganim's Garden Center & Florist, LLC

Lawn Care Program

1. First Application Early to Mid-Spring (March - May)

- A. Test the soil and determine the PH and apply lime if needed.
- B. Pre-emergent crabgrass control - deadline for application is approx. May 1st

For established lawns apply Fairway Spring Fertilizer (Weed & Feed with a Pre-Emergent Crabgrass Control and Fertilizer) but no new seeding for 3 months.

For new or over-seeded lawns use Mesotrione[®], you can seed anytime. A 2nd application 6 weeks later This new product from Lebanon – allows you to seed, feed, and prevent weeds w/ Mesotrione[®] on any lawn.

The optimum time for application of crabgrass control is after the forsythia blooms drop and lilacs begin blooming. Crabgrass seeds germinate when soil temperature gets above 55 degrees.

2. Second Application Mid to Late Spring (May 1 - June 20)

A. Apply Grub and Surface Insects Control around June 14 (FLAG DAY)

Bayer[®] Complete insect control is for grubs and insect control. Best results are obtained when irrigated with natural rainfall. Apply around **June 14th (Flag Day)** specifically for Japanese beetle grubs.

You can use Sevin 7G[®], general purpose insecticide applied for surface insects, ticks, etc., and that should be watered in after application.

B. Memorial Day Fertilizers.- end of May

Fertilizer with Trimec[®] broadleaf weed control (Weed n Feed)

Important: Apply on wet lawn after a rain or after hosing down. No rain or irrigation for 24 hours after application.

3. Third Application Late Summer to Fall (August 15 - October 1)

A. Grub control for Japanese beetle larvae if present!

Apply Dylox[®] if larvae is present. To check for larvae, lift up one square foot of lawn, and count larvae. If more than 15, apply immediately and water thoroughly. Dylox[®] (contact insecticide) works in 72 hours after application, but should only be used before April 15 or after August 15 for best results. Like the previous insecticides mentioned, this should be applied with a good watering.

B. Labor Day Fertilizer- Fall Fertilizer

Fairview Fall fertilizer will promotes deeper root growth and strengthen for winter survival. If needed, apply a Weed n Feed for additional weed control on perennial weeds. Apply in the morning when grass is damp with dew, or water prior to application. As before, no water or rainfall 24 hours after application.

4. Fourth Application Fall to Winter (October 1 - December 15)

- A. Lime after you've picked up all your leaves- This is the optimum time to apply lime.
- B. Gypsum is the best product to aerate and loosen heavy clay soils.

C. Thanksgiving Day Fertilizer - The most important fertilization of the year.

Use a blend that's high in Nitrogen to slowly feed your lawn all winter. Apply before end of November. .

BEST RECOMMENDED SEEDING TIMES ARE APRIL - MAY, AND AUGUST - SEPTEMBER.

ORGANIC LAWN CARE

First Step: Around March: Apply Sustaine Corn Gluten Meal before the forsythias bloom

Second Step: Middle of May: Espoma Organic Lawn Food or Sustaine Fertilizer
8-2-4 all Organic

Third Step: Late August: second application of Sustaine Corn Gluten Meal

Fourth Step: Late September: apply: Espoma Organic Lawn Food or Sustaine 8-2-4 all
Organic Fertilizer

At this point you can reseed or overseed

Fifth Step: Thanksgiving Time: apply Espoma Organic Lawn Food or Sustaine 8-2-4 all
Organic Fertilizer

***Remember: Any Organic lawn program will take 2-3 years to be completely effective.**

Ganim's Watering Tips

When to Water

Old Farmers Trick: Step on the lawn. If it bounces back quickly, no need to water. If the lawn crunches down, it needs water badly.

Do not water when humidity and temperatures are both high. This can cause fungus.

Even if the lawn turns brown, it does not mean your lawn is dying. It is in a dormant stage and will come back after a first hard rainfall. Water only during dry weather conditions.

How to Water

Water lawn once a week during dry spells. Apply one inch of water each time.

Testing for water accumulation can be done with a pie plate or small can (cat food or tuna can works). Set plate or can at the outside of the perimeter of the area to be watered, check time and turn on water. When one inch of water has accumulated in it, check time to see how long it took to fill. That's how long you should water that area of lawn. If you have multiple watering areas, do it again.

Timing of watering is crucial. Water early in morning and complete before 9am.

Night watering is not recommended as it can cause fungus to develop.

A Few Key Items for a Beautiful Summer Lawn

Water properly. Raise your blade mower to 3 inches off the ground if possible.

A taller lawn shades itself and protects the lawn from weeds and dryness.

Remember a good lawn program and care takes 2-3 years for favorable results!