



TOBY'S SPRING 2024 LAWN PROGRAM

YOUR MONTHLY EASY STEPS TO A GREAT LAWN!

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How to Use Your Toby Program: Grasses



Toby's 2024 Lawn and Garden Program booklet is divided up both by Season and the type of grass you have. We can't divide everything up monthly, but rather by times of the season. It's also important to note that there are different guidelines for different grasses:

Cool Season Grasses

Dormant or Spring Seeded



If you dormant seeded your lawn last Fall or this Winter follow this section of your guide

Cool Season Grasses

Bluegrass, Ryegrass, Fescue

If your lawn is established with no new seed put down, follow the "Established Lawn - Cool Grass Section."



Ryegrass Lawn



Fescue Lawn



Bluegrass Lawn

Warm Season Grasses

Zoysia, Bermuda & Buffalo



Bermuda Lawn



Zoysia Lawn



Buffalo Grass Lawn

If you have the grasses listed to the left, follow the Warm Season Grasses section of your guide.



For Bluegrass & Fescue Lawns

IT'S TIME FOR A SHORT MOW

That brown layer of grass on your lawn is not dormant, it's dead. Don't let it cover a beautiful new lawn that's waiting underneath. Short mow *ASAP* in February to allow sunshine to let that beautiful new lawn start popping now. Mow and bag the lawn on a low setting, but don't scalp the lawn!



What You'll Need:



- Your Lawn Mower with a sharp blade
- Bag the grass clippings so they don't cover the new grass underneath.

TIME FOR MOWER SERVICE?

Your mower has been sitting idel for several months and might even have some old gas left in it. It's going to be tough to start with that stale gas, so drain it and fill it with a fresh tank. Your mower should be serviced asap and be sure to have the blade sharpened every ten hours of use. A dull blade can lead to disease issues.



For Bluegrass & Fescue Lawns

If You Are Going to Seed - Seed Now!

Seed that is planted in sunny areas in March might not grow to be hardy enough to survive the Summer heat. You can seed in shaded areas and have success. Seed before April 1st!

Rough up areas to seed with a rake. Remember grass seed must touch bare soil and be watered to germinate. If you have large areas to cover it is better to use sod in the Spring.



What You'll Need:



Hummert Best of Blues or Hummert Dyna Green Fescue-Blue mix for Sun or the Hummert Dyna Green Fescue mix for Shade. Choose Fescue for a strong lawn that is more disease resistant. Best of Blues is fantastic if you have an in-ground sprinkler system. It is beautiful but needs more TLC.

TOBY'S QUICK TIP

Fertilize new grass seed and also use Earth Right. For spot seeding you can just use Hummert Long Lasting Dyna Green. If you are doing the whole lawn, use Hummert's Starter Fertilizer. Do not put down crabgrass control if you are putting down new seed or dormant seeded. New grass should germinate and be 2" tall before using Dimension crabgrass control.



What to Do if You are Not Seeding:

If you didn't do it in February mow lawn short: 1 ½ - 2" one time only. This allows the lawn to green up faster and improves the lawn's appearance when mowing in the spring.

- Apply Hummert Dyna Green Crabgrass Preventer Lawn Fertilizer with Dimension between now and April 15th.



What You'll Need:

- Your lawn mower with a sharp blade. Adjust mower height to 1.5" to 2". Do not scalp the yard. Mow one time to expose new green grass underneath and remove the top layer of dead grass.
- Hummert Dyna Green Crabgrass Preventer Lawn Fertilizer



TOBY'S QUICK TIP

Sharpen your mower blade! If you haven't already taken your mower in for annual service... you'll probably be waiting in line. Buy a spare blade so you can change it out while you're getting the other one sharpened. Dull blades shear the grass and can lead to disease and a host of other problems!



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For WINTER DORMANT SEEDED Bluegrass & Fescue Lawns

MARCH - MAY
2024

WINTER DORMANT SEEDED LAWNS:

DO NOT APPLY CRABGRASS CONTROLS TO WINTER DORMANT SEEDED LAWNS IN MARCH.

MARCH: Apply Hummert Dyna Green Long Lasting Fertilizer with Umaxx and Earth Right.

APRIL: If Not Done in March Apply Hummert Dyna Green Long Lasting Fertilizer with Umaxx and Earth Right

MAY: Apply Hummert Dyna Green Crabgrass Preventer Lawn Fertilizer with Dimension. Apply Earth Right if not done in March or April.



TOBY'S QUICK TIP

Got bad gas? Gas that has set idle for over a month in both gas storage cans or your mower can break down. The new Ethanol blends break down and make it tough to start your mower or can do damage to the carburetor. Be sure to start with fresh gas and only purchase enough that you can use it in 3 to 4 weeks.



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For Warm Season Grasses - Bermuda, Zoysia or Buffalo Grass

Warm Season Grasses - What to Do:

- Watch it Grow! Warm seasons grasses do not require a lot of maintenance during the Spring.
- Apply Broadleaf Weed Control (if needed). Watch for weeds and keep them under control.
- Broadleaf weed controls should only be applied to Buffalo Grass when it is dormant. Not when it is green and actively growing. (Should Be Applied in March or Early April)



What You'll Need:

- Gordon's Speed Zone Weed Killer
- Lawn Sprayer • Earth Right
- Spreader Sticker



TOBY'S QUICK TIP

Broadleaf Weeds: Clover, Dandelion, Chickweed, etc. Use Gordon's Speed Zone and Spreader Sticker. Broadleaf weed controls do not prevent weeds. They control only the weeds that are actively growing at the time of spraying. I use a 2 gal. tank sprayer and spot spray when I see a weed.





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Spring Lawn Program

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Spring has sprung. After a mild Winter we're ready for green grass. Follow Toby's program for a healthy and beautiful lawn this season! In this section you'll find monthly instructions followed by mowing and watering instructions. Good Luck!



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For Bluegrass & Fescue Lawns

WHAT TO DO IN APRIL:

- Apply Hummert Dyna Green Crabgrass Preventer Lawn Fertilizer with Dimension (IF NOT DONE IN MARCH)
- Apply Broadleaf Weed Control (if needed)
- Apply Earthright – Soil Conditioner
Double Rate the 1st application – 1 qt. 5,000 sq. ft.
This will crumble clay 2 – 2 ½ feet deep. Then normal rate once every spring and fall – 1 qt. 10,000 sq.ft.



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- Gordon's Speed Zone Weed Killer
- Lawn Sprayer • Earth Right
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TOBY'S QUICK TIP

Spreader Sticker helps chemicals adhere better to the plants. For weed control products and bug control it will help the mix not bead up and will stick to the plants longer. This will not only ensure better use of the products, but also makes them more effective. Be sure to use it with your weed and bug controls.



For Bluegrass & Fescue Lawns

TOBY'S QUICK TIP - EARTH RIGHT

Our thick clay soils in this part of the country make it hard for water to penetrate the soil and for roots in our lawn to grow deeper. Toby recommends Earth Right. It's an all natural product that helps break down the clay and turn it into healthy soil. All you have to do is hose it in once each season and you'll have a better draining, healthier lawn!



TOBY'S QUICK TIP - EXTERMINATE

In April and May you will start to see bugs creeping around the house. We don't like to use Chemicals indoors. Spray the outside of your foundation with Spectracide Triazicide, Spreader Sticker and Water in a pump sprayer. Mix per manufacturer instructions. Spray foundation from bottom to 3 feet up. This will keep bugs out of the house!



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For Bluegrass & Fescue Lawns

WHAT TO DO FOR MAY:



- Apply Hummert Dyna-Green Long Lasting Fertilizer with Ummaxx or Hummert Dyna-Green Long Lasting Fertilizer with Viper Broad Leaf Herbicide

Before applying this application walk around the yard. If you have a lawn with 20% or more weeds, use Hummert Dyna-Green Long Lasting Fertilizer with Viper Broad Leaf Herbicide. If you have less than 20% weeds see Quick Tip below.

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TOBY'S MAY WEED QUICK TIP

Broadleaf Weeds: Clover, Dandelion, Chickweed, etc. Use Gordon's Speed Zone and Spreader Sticker. Broadleaf weed controls do not prevent weeds. They control only the weeds that are actively growing at the time of spraying. I use a 2 gal. tank sprayer and spot spray when I see a weed.



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SPRING MOWING INSTRUCTIONS:

Mowing frequency and height directly affect the health and quality of a lawn. Mowing a lawn too short or not often enough can cause water problems and even death to the grass. It does not hurt newly sprouted grass to be walked on or mowed. So start mowing when established grass needs it.

- **Never mow when grass blades are wet.**
- **Mowing height for bluegrass:**
 - March – April 2 ½ to 3”**
 - May 3 to 3 ½”**
- **Mowing height for fescue:**
 - March - April 3”**
 - May 3 ½”**
- **Never remove more than 1/3 of the grass blade. If a mowing is missed; set the mower as high as it will go, then lower and mow again in a couple of days.**
- **There is no need to bag or rake grass clippings as long as the grass is mowed often. Short grass clippings decay quickly and re-cycle nutrients back to the soil.**
- **Use a different mowing pattern each mowing.**
- **Sharpen and balance mower blades every 10 hours of use.**
- **June, July, August: mow bluegrass and fescue as high as the mower will go (or set).**



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For Bluegrass & Fescue Lawns



SPRING WATERING INSTRUCTIONS:

For Newly Seeded Lawns:

March through May – newly seeded lawns need water or rain every two to three days for a total of 1" of water per week.

Water early in the morning, stopping about 2:00pm in the afternoon. Avoid watering late in the day. This can promote lawn diseases.

For Established Lawns:

- March: 1" of water every other week
- April/May: 1" of water per week. Water early in the morning, stopping about 2:00pm in the afternoon. Avoid watering late in the day. This can promote lawn diseases.



TOBY'S WATERING QUICK TIP

A good rain gauge is important!! Grass needs 1" of rain weekly. Record weekly rainfall and water as needed.

For example: If we have 1/2" of rain one week, you will need to add 1/2" of water that week.

