

TOBY'S SUMMER LAWN PROGRAM

YOUR MONTHLY EASY STEPS TO A GREAT LAWN!

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FOR THE BEST LAWN ON THE BLOCK!



ABOUT THE PRODUCTS TOBY RECOMMENDS



Everywhere we go we get the same question, "How much do these companies pay Toby to talk about them all the time?"

The simple answer is - not one dime!



Toby's philosophy is - he would rather make two or three advertisers mad per year than tens of thousands of loyal listeners. The products Toby recommends to you are based on the fact that they are the best product for the job. Of course we have advertisers on both the radio show and website; however if anyone's products are not the best for you - Toby will not recommend them. Plus, Toby chooses the advertisers... not the other way around. Usually people become advertisers after Toby has been recommending their product or service for a long period of time.

You can be sure that if Toby tells you a product is the best, or





Toby's 2024 Lawn Program

Summer Program for Bluegrass & Fescue Lawns

Toby's Summer Lawn Program

The heat of Summer is here. Staying on top of your lawn with proper watering, mowing height and applications is essential for heat survival! Use this section for Bluegrass & Fescue Lawns





For Bluegrass & Fescue Lawns

WHAT TO DO FOR JUNE-JULY:



- If not done in May, do Hummert Long Lasting Dyna-Green Fertilizer with Umax.
- White Grub Control. Apply Hummert Dyna
 Green Grub Control. One application by July 15.

What You'll Need:

- Hummert Long Lasting Dyna-Green Fertilizer Umax or
- Hummert Long Lasting Dyna-Green Fertilizer with Viper Broadleaf herbicide
- Hummert Dyna Green Grub Control



TOBY'S JUNE-JULY WEED QUICK TIP

Broadleaf Weeds: Clover, Dandelion, Chickweed, etc. Use Image All-In-One Weed Control. 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. See Instructions on Next Page.



• Nutgrass is a common and ugly weed popping up right now. Rid your lawn of tough, grassy weeds with **IMAGE® All-in-One Weed Killer**. The easy-to-use product works best on young, actively growing weeds. Use all summer long to treat nutgrass and other grassy weeds as they emerge from the ground. Kills Crabgrass, Dandelion, Nutsedge, Clover, other weeds and sedges.

Mix in a good quality pump sprayer per instructions and lightly spray weeds. DO NOT OVERSPRAY! A light pass is all you need. Too much and you risk discoloring your grass. Spray lightly and if weeds are still there in a week do another light pass. Do NOT use Spreader Sticker as an additive with Image.



What You'll Need:

- IMAGE® All-in-One Weed Killer
- 2 Gallon Tank Sprayer



FUNGUS & DISEASE PROGRAM

Lawn diseases such as brown patch can do a ton of damage to your lawn. The best way to prevent lawn diseases is by using granular fungicide. Toby recommends a combination of Hummert T-Methyl Fungicide and Eagle Fungicides. Start in June with Hummert Eagle granular fungicide. Use a lawn spreader and be sure to follow package instructions. Apply an application now. Three weeks later apply Hummert T-Methyl granular fungicide with a lawn spreader and then in another three weeks apply Hummert Eagle granular fungicide once again for your final application.

NOTE: By alternating between Eagle and T-Methyl the disease does not have a chance to build up resistance against the fungicides.



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WHAT TO DO FOR AUGUST:

- Water, Water & More Water!
- This is also the time of year where we run across Sodwebworms, Fleas, Ticks, and Chiggers. Use Spectracide Triazicide Granules when needed.



Want a Green Summer Lawn?

Lawns require 1 to 1-1/2 inches of water per week. The higher the temperature the more water will be needed.

- Only water when the lawn shows a need; such as a blue purple color, folded or rolled grass blades or a footprint that doesn't spring back.
- Water early in the day: 5am to 10am. Watering after 3pm or later can cause lawn diseases.
- Lawns in the sun will have to be watered more often than lawns in the shade.
- Apply 3/4 to 1 inch of water each watering.
- If water puddles or runs off move sprinklers more frequently.



For Bluegrass & Fescue Lawns

DON'T BE SO DULL - KEEP BLADE SHARP!

Mower blades should be sharpened every 8 to 10 hours of use. A dull blade is like trying to cut a piece of steak with a butter knife. You shred the grass instead of cutting it. This can lead to a spread of disease or even kill your grass. Have your mower blade professionally sharpened and balanced.



TOBY'S QUICK TIP - EXTERMINATE

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 where they belong!



TOBY'S QUICK TIP - MOW HIGH!

You should mow your lawn on the highest notch you have on your mower all Summer. Taller grass helps keeps the soil cooler and also leads to a thicker lawn which prevents weeds and disease.

You should also never mow your lawn when it is wet. This can lead to disease problems.





TOBY'S LAWN PROGRAM 2024

For Bluegrass & Fescue Lawns

SUMMER MOWING INSTRUCTIONS:



Mowing frequency and height directly affects the health and quality of a lawn. Mowing a lawn too short or not often enough can cause disease problems and even death to the grass.

- Never mow when grass blades are wet.
- Mowing height in June, July and August is as high as the mower will go (or set) for bluegrass and fescue.
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- Never remove more than 1/3 of the grass blade.
- 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.



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For Bluegrass & Fescue Lawns

SUMMER WATERING INSTRUCTIONS:



For Newly Seeded Lawns:

Lawns newly seeded, sodded or less than one year old will need to be watered every two to three days all summer long.

For Established Lawns:



For a green healthy lawn all Summer - your lawn needs 1.5" of water per week. If it doesn't rain, you need to water and use a rain gauge to check levels. Do not overwater! This can lead to disease.

Kentucky bluegrass, fescue and other cool season grasses do not have to be watered to stay alive in the summer except during extreme drought (but they won't look good!). Cool season lawns turn brown and go dormant until cooler fall weather. During drought Apply one inch of water every three weeks to keep the grass crowns hydrated and in good condition or the lawn will die out.





A good rain gauge is important!! Grass needs 1.5" of rain each week in the Summer. Record weekly rainfall and water as needed. For example: If we have 1/2" of rain one week, you will need to add ½" of water that week.



Toby's 2024 Lawn Program

Program for Warm Season Grasses

Toby's Lawn Program for Warm Season Grasses

This section is for Warm Season Grasses. This includes lawns with Bermuda, Zoysia or Buffalo Grasses.





The Best Lawn on the Block is a Tobin Lawn!



Toby's Summer Program for Warm Season Grasses

Warm Season Grasses are Bermuda, Zoysia & Buffalo

June What to Do:

Use Bayer Complete Insect Killer:
 This Will control Chinch Bug, Ants, Fleas, Chiggers, Ticks and White Grubs.

June Pest Control:

Bayer Complete Insect Killer will help control Chinch Bug, Ants, Fleas, Chiggers, Ticks and White Grubs. Use a broadcast spreader and water in chemicals after application.



Toby's July Quick Tip:



Sharpen your mower blade! Mower blades get dull every 10 hours of use. Buy a spare blade so you can change it out while you're getting the other one sharpened. Dull blades sheer the grass and can lead to disease and a host of other problems!



Toby's Program for Warm Season Grasses

Warm Season Grasses are Bermuda, Zoysia & Buffalo

July What to Do:

Apply Hummert Long Lasting Dyna-Green Fertilizer

July Proper Fertilization:

Proper Fertilization, mowing and watering are essential to a healthy green lawn.
Hummert's Long Lasting Dyna-Green formula is designed to feed your lawn over a longer period of time ensuring a good lawn all season long!



July Quick Tip:

Check out some of the new spreaders on the market. Many of the newer models have flaps on the front and sides to control dispersion. This helps keep chemicals on your lawn and off the streets and sidewalks which runs off into our waterways! The Best models have air filled tires instead of plastic.





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August What to Do:

Be on the lookout for Chinch Bugs.
 Use Spectracide Triazicide Granules.



August Pest Control:



For Chinch Bug Control use Spectracide Triazicide Granules. Apply with a broadcast spreader per manufacturers instructions

Toby's August Quick Tip:

Use a good rain guage. Applying too little or too much water is detrimental to the health of your lawn. If you have an in-ground sprinkler system make sure the heads are adjusted properly so they are evenly covering your lawn (and most importantly not watering your street or driveway!)





Toby's Mowing for Warm Season Grasses

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Toby's Mowing Quick Tip:



Varying your mowing pattern each week not only makes those cool tracks in your lawn like a golf course - but it's also good for your grass. This helps go against the grain and alternate cutting paths to help cut the lawn more evenly and leave a healthier turf.



Toby's Summer Watering for Warm Season Grasses

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SUMMER WRAP UP:



In order to have the best lawn on the block - just follow Toby's easy instructions. Be sure to sign up for our weekly email on this website. You'll get the latest info and a great video tip of the week. Plus we'll offer you some great savings and opportunities.

Having the best lawn is based on proper mowing, watering and fertilization. Follow Toby's tips and you'll be surprised at how easy it can be!



STAY TUNED:
WE'LL BE UPDATING
THIS GUIDE WITH TOBY'S
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