

TOBY'S 2024 FALL 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 the one to use, it has nothing to do with money... just the facts!

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WHICH GRASS DO I HAVE?

It is important to know what type of grass you have. The two most common grasses we have in the Kansas City area are Kentucky Bluegrass or Turf Type Fescue. Below are closeup photos of the two to help you identify which you have and some of their benefits.



KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS

Kentucky Bluegrass is the more aesthetically pleasing of the two grasses. It is recognized by its thinner blade and canoe shaped form.

Bluegrass is harder to maintain for the average homeowner. It needs more TLC and Toby cautions against it unless you have a sprinkler system. Bluegrass does not root as deep as Fescue. Bluegrass is beautiful if you are willing to put up with some headaches!



TURF TYPE FESCUE

Fescue is a coarser flatter blade of grass than Bluegrass. Fescue is much more durable for the average homeowner and will root several feet deep. There have been many improvements with Fescue over the years to help fight disease. It is also more heat tolerant than Bluegrass. Toby recommends Fescue for the average homeowner.

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Toby's Fall Lawn Program Standard Procedures!

When You're Doing Pretty Well!

If your lawn has weathered the Summer pretty well and it's just time to keep up the pace - follow Toby's Fall Lawn Program. This is the most important time of year to fertilize and get your lawn as healthy as it can be going into the Winter. Follow these steps for a beautiful lawn!



TOBY'S FALL 2024 LAWN PROGRAM - STANDARD PROCEDURES

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For Bluegrass & Fescue Lawns

Toby's Standard Procedures for Fall Lawn



Fall Lawn Program



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SEPTEMBER

- Apply Earth Right – Soil Conditioner
Double rate the 1st application – 1 qt. to 5,000 sq. ft.
This will break up our heavy clay soils 2 ½ ft. deep.
Grass will be able to root deeper. Then do normal rate every spring and fall – 1 qt. to 10,000 sq. ft.
- Apply Hummert Fall Lawn Starter Fertilizer with Nutri-Life–
use for established lawns or when seeding
- Broadleaf Weed Control (if needed)

STANDARD FALL LAWN PROGRAM CONTINUED



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Fall Lawn Program - October & November



OCTOBER

- Apply Hummert Winterizer Fertilizer with Nutri-Life or Hummert Winterizer Fertilizer with Surge Broadleaf Weed Control

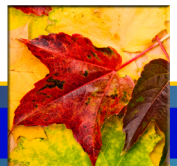
The first weeds in the spring actually sprout in the fall during October and November. Before applying your fall application, walk around the yard and if you have a lawn with 20% or more weeds, use Hummert Winterizer Fertilizer with Surge Broadleaf Weed Control.

NOVEMBER

- Apply Hummert Winterizer Fertilizer or Hummert Winterizer Fertilizer with Surge Broadleaf Weed Control
- Spot Spraying Broadleaf Weeds: Clover, Dandelion, Chickweed, etc. Use Gordon's Trimec Speed or Gordon's Speed Zone plus 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.



➔ SEE FALL MOWING & WATERING INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE.



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MOWING & WATERING INSTRUCTIONS

FALL WATERING INSTRUCTIONS (FOR ESTABLISHED LAWNS!)

September: 1-1 ½" of water per week

October: 1" of water per week

November - December: 1" of water every other week

Stop watering when ground freezes solid; usually about Christmas.

A good rain gauge is important!!

Grass needs 1-1 ½" of rain weekly. Record weekly rainfall and water as needed. For example: if we have ½" of rain one week, you will need to add ½" of water that week.

FALL 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.

- Never mow when grass blades are wet.
- Mowing height: September - 3" October–November - 2 ½"
- Never remove more that 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 mowing hours.
- The height for the final mowing of the season is 2". Grass that is too high during the winter can become diseased.



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 - SUBSCRIBE!

Subscribe to our website. It's free and you get the best advice on the planet from Toby! Each week you get one email with our new video tip of the week. We keep you updated on timely issues and great tips to have the best lawn on the block. Use the website to your advantage for great info and savings!





Toby's Fall Lawn Program Spot & Overseeding 2024

When You Have Some Rough Spots

When the Summer stress has taken it's toll on your lawn and you're left with some bare or dead spots - this section is for you. From simple spot seeding to overseeding your entire lawn - Toby shows you the right way to go to get things looking "Tobinized" again!



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Fall Spot and Overseeding Your Lawn



Fall Seeding for Your Lawn



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Seeding Dates

Fescue: August 26 to October 1

Bluegrass: August 26 to October 15

Very Important: Seed ASAP!

Especially Fescue! Seed planted the last week of August through the second week of September that is watered properly will germinate in 4 to 7 days. Planted after

September 15 the seed will take 2 to 3 weeks for germination.



➔ See Next Page for Seeding Steps



Fall Spot and Overseeding Your Lawn



Spot Seeding Steps for Fall Program

- 1 Rake any dead or bare areas with a heavy tined metal rake to create grooves in the exposed soil.
- 2 Remove all the dead grass that the rake has brought up.
- 3 Seed Lightly over the newly exposed area.
- 4 Apply Hummert Fall Lawn Starter Fertilizer with Nutri-Life
- 5 Apply Mushroom Stuff after the new grass has sprouted and is 1" tall.

6 **Water! Water! Water!**
Until seed germinates evenly, water lightly every day. On hot windy days you might have to water 2 to 3 times to keep the soil moist. On cool calm cloudy days watering may be needed only once a day or once every other day. The soil should be kept evenly moist at all times but not waterlogged. After the new grass reaches 2 inches in height gradually reduce the frequency of watering and water more deeply. Start mowing after the new grass reaches a height of 3 inches. Once the new lawn has been mowed 2 to 3 times, it will need 1 inch of water a week either from rainfall or watering until the soil freezes.



Follow steps for applying Winterizer Fertilizer in October and November from the Fall Standard Program after spot or overseeding.



Fall Spot and Overseeding Your Lawn



Lawn Overseeding Steps for Fall Program

- 1 Mow short -- 1 ½" and be sure to bag clippings
- 2 Verti-cut -- Two Directions. North-South then East-West
- 3 Rake -- Remove the debris that the verti-cut brings up
- 4 Re-mow to make sure the lawn is completely clean. Bag clippings again.
- 5 Seed with Either: (Depending on whether you have bluegrass or fescue)
Hummert Dyna Green Fescue-Blue Mix for Sun -- Bare ground rate: 6 to 8lbs per 1,000 sq. ft. Over seeding rate: existing lawn 3 – 4 lbs. per 1,000 sq. ft.
OR
Hummert Best of Blues -- Bare ground rate: 2 to 3lbs per 1,000 sq. ft. Over seeding rate: existing lawn 1 – 1 ½ lbs. per 1,000 sq. ft.
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