

Buena Tierra

July 2007

Summer Lawn Care

Warm summer months can make it difficult to maintain that beautiful, lush, emerald green lawn. Following these simple tips will keep your lawn lush, green, and weed free.

Fertilizing is another key to a lush green lawn. Watering every other day depletes nitrogen rather rapidly. We recommend bi-monthly fertilization with **Dr. Earth Super Natural Lawn Fertilizer**. If broad-leaf weeds are a problem, use **Master Nursery Master Green Weed**

Warm summer months can make it difficult to maintain that beautiful, lush, emerald green lawn. Following these simple tips will keep your lawn lush, green, and weed free. If you still feel overwhelmed caring for your lawn, attend our 'Lawn Care Seminar' offered in July. Keeping your lawn lush and green throughout the year takes a minimum of two basic things: monthly fertilization and regular watering.

Watering is an essential key to keeping your lawn green. Water should be applied in the early morning. Evening watering provides moisture for fungus to spread as nighttime temperatures drop. Never water in the evening. We recommend splitting your water application into two segments. This allows water to penetrate deeper into the soil and avoid runoff. For example, if you normally water every other day for twenty minutes try the same every other day schedule but water first for 10 minutes and then water a second time for 10 minutes approximately one hour later.



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The Whiting Nursery goal is to provide our customers the highest quality plant material and garden products available at a reasonable value with exceptional customer service. We aim to provide a friendly, educational atmosphere for our customers to achieve gardening success.



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and Feed 25-3-8 fertilizer and weed killer. **Master Green Weed and Feed** controls Dandelion, Chickweed, Knotweed, Plantain, Spurge, Curly Dock, Pigweed, and others. Be sure to follow the directions carefully to achieve a good weed kill.

Insect problems are mainly restricted to ‘grubs’. Grubs are larval stages of lawn moths and they chew the roots at soil level. Patches of grass will die and tufts of the lawn will pull out. Use **Tricyclic Season Long** to control grubs in your lawn; it’s the only product that works for soil application. ‘Grubs’ were quite a problem last year so keep an eye out for these pesky critters.

Fungus problems are an issue in our coastal oriented valley. All fungus is spread by water and warm 60 degree temperatures. Any evening watering will enhance fungus spread as the warm daytime temperatures fall during the evening hours. **Rust** is orange pustules on the leaf blades of the grass. You’ll notice an area in your lawn with an off color hue. A closer checking will reveal rust. The easiest cure for lawn rust is to fertilize your lawn and ‘grow’ it out of the rust problem. For severe infestations you’ll have to spray with **Spectracide Immunox Fungicide**. **Brown Patch** (Rhizoctonia Blight) is problematic in lawns of heavy thatch. Irregular brown patch areas appear in turf ranging in size from a few inches to several feet in diameter. The disease is favored by high temperatures (75-90 degrees), high humidity (evening watering), and lush well fed lawns. Avoid evening watering, aerate, and deep water. Less frequent fertilization is recommended until the problem is eliminated. An application of **Spectracide Immunox Fungicide** will correct the problem.

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Summer Lawn Care Seminar

At Whiting Nursery

Date: Saturday, July 14th

Time: 1:30-2:30pm

Instructor: Kevin C. Twohey, Horticulturist and Owner, *Whiting Nursery*

Subjects

Covered: Learn the secrets to growing and maintaining a beautiful lawn during the difficult summer months. Kevin will cover lawn types, mowing practices, proper watering, fertilization, insect & weed control.

Cost: \$10.00 includes refreshments and cookies - Must pre register (limit 25).



Tasks for the Month— July

- ✿ Fertilize lawns with **Dr. Earth Super Natural Lawn Fertilizer**. It reduces thatch and provides nutrients for three months.
- ✿ Stake tall, floppy flowers such as Bachelor Buttons, Foxgloves, and Cosmos as needed.
- ✿ Plant summer blooming annuals of **Cleome, Petunias, Vinca, Salvia, Zinnias, Lisianthus, and Cosmos**.
- ✿ Spray out weeds with **Master Nursery Kleen Up Weed and Grass Killer**. **Kleen Up** is an excellent broad spectrum systemic herbicide and very cost effective.
- ✿ Mulch planting areas with an organic mulch to help conserve water. **Black Forest Organic Compost** is a great mulch which can be incorporated into the soil too.
- ✿ Keep your eyes peeled for the annual onslaught of budworms. The white butterfly visiting your garden is busily laying her eggs with hatch into budworm. Spray **Safer's Caterpillar Killer** in the morning and/or evening to get rid of our little summer pest. Mid day sun can deactivate the spray and make it ineffective.
- ✿ Broadleaf lawn weeds in your lawn can be eliminated with an application of **Master Nursery Weed and Feed Lawn Fertilizer**.

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SUMMER SALE

**Check our weekly
in-store specials
throughout the
month of July**



Monthly Raffle
June Winner
Carolyn Woodson of Yountville—
Spa Umbrella & Stand

July Raffle Prize is a Smith and Hawken
Garden Fountain!

Olive Fruit Fly



The Olive fruit fly poses a serious threat to the California table olive and olive oil industries. Olives grown by homeowners for home curing or oil are equally at risk. A native of eastern Africa, it is considered the most damaging pest of olives in southern Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East. The olive fruit fly was first detected in North America infesting olive fruits on landscape trees in Los Angeles County in November 1998. It is now found in ornamental and many commercial orchards in coastal counties, most of the San Joaquin Valley, Napa and several Sacramento Valley and foothill counties.

The adult olive fruit fly is about 0.2 inch long with clear wings containing dark veins and a small dark spot at the wing tip. Larvae are yellowish white with a pointed head. Mature larvae pupate in fruit in summer; in fall they exit the fruit and pupate in the soil. In spring, early emerging adults lay eggs in unharvested fruit from the previous year's crop. Olive fruit flies that do develop in unharvested fruit from the previous year lay eggs on the new olive crop in July and August.

In areas of the world where olive fruit fly is established and not controlled, its damage has been responsible for losses of up to 80% of oil value because of lower quantity and quality. In table varieties the Olive Fruit Fly is capable of destroying 100% of the crop. Removing and destroying fruit left on the tree following harvest is somewhat important in managing this pest. Examine fallen fruit in late winter for the presence of olive fruit fly. Remove old fruit remaining on trees following harvest and destroy all fruit that are on the ground by either burying at least 12 inches deep.

Best control is obtained by using the Multi-lure Ball Trap w/torula yeast as the attractant. Flies enter from the bottom of the trap through an opening and drown in the solution. Hang traps as high as possible at least 12 inches from foliage on the south side of trees from October to April and on the north side of trees from May to September. Place traps in trees that have a good fruit load or in trees with an abundance of fallen fruit on the ground where larvae and pupae are expected to be present. Adult olive fruit flies can be identified in the traps by their single black spot at the tip of each wing.



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