

# Lawn Care in Northern Wisconsin

## HOW OFTEN & WHEN DO I WATER?

On an average rainfall year, it is suggested to water 3x per week, 30-45 minutes per time. It is best to water in the morning.

**Due to our sandy soils, we have to water many times which dilutes fertilizers. For the best lawns, apply slow-release fertilizers (listed below) 3-4 times a year.**

## LAWN FERTILIZATION & WEED CONTROL

### SPRING FERTILIZATION & WEED CONTROL

HUMIC DG helps feeds the microbes in the ground which helps the nutrients get to the plant. This needs to be done once a year, in spring (see below).

IF CRABGRASS IS PRESENT (early May):

- Apply 19-0-6 pre-emergent/crabgrass preventer & fertilizer to damp lawn. Later in the day apply HUMIC DG to lawn.

IF NO CRABGRASS IS PRESENT (mid May)

- Apply 16-0-8 with HUMIC DG fertilizer to dry lawn, water in.
- Spray WEED BEATER (cool weather weeds), SEDGE ENDER or T-ZONE to kill broadleaf weeds (ie dandelion).
- If weeds are present in spring apply DICOT IV 21-0-18 to a wet lawn. Note, if you apply DICOT IV in spring, you should apply HUMIC DG along with it.
- Apply LIME pellets to dry lawn and water in. This sweetens the soil for acidic situations (ie pine trees and oaks).

### SUMMER FERTILIZATION & WEED CONTROL (July)

- Apply 20-0-16 fertilizer to dry lawn, water in.
- Try not to use weed & feed in the summer, this puts a lot of stress on grass. Spot treat weeds with WEED BEATER (cool weather weeds), SEDGE ENDER or T-ZONE.

### LABOR DAY FERTILIZATION & WEED CONTROL

- Apply DICOT IV 21-0-18 fertilizer to wet lawn, let dry. Fall is the best time to control weeds for next year.
- Apply LIME pellets to dry lawn, water in - this sweetens the soil.

### WINTERIZING FERTILIZATION (October)

(this prepares lawn for the next year)

- Apply ½ application of 16-0-8 fertilizer to the lawn, after last fall clean up, water in.