

## *Spring Lawn Care*

The beautiful temperatures we've been having here lately have been incredible. When I look out at the lawns, I see this amazing shade of purple. Spring like temperatures have caused the growth rate of *henbit* and other lawn weeds to explode. The one thing many people still don't understand is that these are winter annuals and have been growing since last September. They are now fully mature and seeding for next year. Being fully matured, they are very tough and hard to kill with any granular weed and feed product. It may help if you apply it properly like early morning when there is heavy dew and no rain for 24 hours. A liquid spray of *Weed Free Zone* would be much more effective and stop the seed formation quickly. This product will work well and fast, even on the toughest of weeds and can be applied when the temperatures are as low as the 50's. Make sure there is no rain in the forecast for at least 24 hours.

Remember (and many of you have heard me say it many times before) that weed control should happen two times a year: mid-May and late October. If you are applying weed control now, except as a touch up, then it means you missed a step. Mid-May I like to see a long -lasting weed and feed applied. Most of these products are slow release over a number of weeks to carry you through the entire summer and control your summer weeds as well.

Remember that you still have time to get good *crabgrass* control that contains the product *Dimension*. *Dimension* is a long -lasting preventer, but it will only last on young crabgrass up to the 3<sup>rd</sup> leaf stage I would suggest a second application of this same product to follow up in mid-May as an extra precaution since the drought in the summers here allows many crabgrass seeds to cast. Good weather ahead so get out in the yard and put those pesky weeds in their place – enjoy the garden!

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