

# Green Scene

Early Spring 2011

**Today your lawn was treated with:** Fertilizer, crabgrass preventer and broadleaf weed control. The fertilizer we applied contains 25% slow release nitrogen. Just the right amount was applied so it will be taken in by the grass roots and not leach away. It should last approximately 5-7 weeks. The crabgrass preventer will stop annual weeds for the next 3 months. Remember, crabgrass in this area usually germinates between May 15th and June 1st. There is no need to apply it really early in the spring. The broadleaf weed control will stunt or maybe control some weeds. Spring is a very tough time to control weeds because the flow is going up the plant to promote growth instead of into the roots. If they don't completely die, we will finish them off on our next application.

## REMEMBER!!!

The pre emergent that we applied today WILL prevent ALL types of seed from germinating, even GRASS SEED! If you must seed you will need to stir up the top inch of soil to break up the pre-emergent barrier.

## Snow Mold

One example of lawn disease which is common in this area is snow mold. This is a **fungus** that often appears early in the spring and is common in lawns that received snow before the ground froze. Look at your lawn and see if there are matted patches, where the grass blades are stuck together. New grass may have a hard time coming up through these matted patches. Lightly raking these areas will solve this. Seeding is usually not needed.



**Happy Spring Everyone!** Welcome back to our existing customers and Welcome to our new customers! If you ever have a question about your lawn or landscape, please give us a call! Everyone here appreciates your business and it is important to us that you are a satisfied customer!



## Emerald Ash Borer

The Emerald Ash Borer has NOT yet been found in Central and Northwest Iowa as of this writing. The Emerald Ash Borer can kill Ash Trees in a one to two year span. We stay in contact with the Iowa State Extension Office and we have different treatment options available for control. When the EAB gets close to our area we will notify our customers so they can decide what to do with their Ash trees.

## Spring Lawn Care Tips

Lightly rake lawn if possible. Besides cleaning up lawn it also stimulates growth. You can do this after this application if needed.

Remove dead leaves away from perennials.

Consider Aerating if there is more than 1/2 inch of thatch buildup.

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