



Turfgrass Workshop

Oct. 8, 2021

Post-event Q & A

1. Looking to see how to get rid of weeds like crabgrass and nutsedge and how to get green grass?
A. Applying a pre-emergent herbicide in the spring is best to prevent these weeds. For post-emergent control, use the active ingredient quinclorac for crabgrass, and halosulfuron for nutsedge
2. How to eliminate/prevent crabgrass that is taking over my lawn?
A. See answer for #1
3. What is the best sod to install based on the proximity to the water in Lewes or would we be better off taking soil samples and sending them in for analysis? We are in the process of building.
A. It depends. What are their expectations? Green grass all year or will they be ok with dormant grass in the winter? If they want green grass all year they need to consider 90%/10% tall fescue/bluegrass mix. If they like dormant grass in the winter then zoysia is a great option.
4. Does crabgrass and other weeds reliably die during winter/frost?
A. Yes, and no. Most grassy weeds die at first frost, but winter annual broadleaf's do not.
5. What is the best way to control crab grass?
A. See #1
6. Do you recommend coated grass seeds in the spring?
A. Coated in what? Fertilizer? Herbicide? Fungicide? Insecticide? If established properly there is no need for any coatings.
7. What about milky spore for grubs?
A. It only works on Japanese Beetle grubs. There are many varieties of grubs. It is very tricky to get this product to work properly. You also must have an active population of grubs in order for it to be effective.
8. Are you aware of a decent and effective aeration machine that could be purchased from a retailer?
A. Any of the gas-powered machines by Ryan or Classen work well. There are hand tools that can aerate, but they either are A) ineffective or B) labor intensive.
9. Is it better to aerate in spring or fall? And how often should you aerate and reseed?
A. Spring is best for aeration, but fall is ok too. If you have a thin stand of grass or want to introduce another species/variety of grass then that is when you would re-seed. Aeration holes help seed establishment. Also, if your soil is compacted or you have thatch build-up, aeration will help alleviate some of these problems.