

Drought Conditions

When your lawn is in a drought condition the turf grass will begin to go dormant to protect itself until conditions change. At this time all weeds will become increasingly active. Remember a "Growing" well established lawn will help choke out weeds under unfavorable conditions.

Ways To Help Your Lawn

1. During the hot seasons remember to cut your lawn at a higher height in order not to apply more stress to it. (3 and a half to 4 inches) It's alright to adjust to a lower height in spring and fall.

2. Morning watering is preferred at a longer rate during droughts. (25 to 30 min. per zone in sunny areas and be sure watering is done by 6 am.) **Evening watering can cause more problems with weeds, moss and fungus.**

Often during times of drought, people cut back on watering their lawns due to the rising cost of their water bills. This actually is the worst thing you can do for your lawn. Watering infrequently and for a shorter amount of time than usual can cause the root system of the lawn to develop "shallow roots" This is when the roots of the turf start growing up towards the surface, instead of down into the soil. This shallow rooting can cause permanent damage for your lawn, and make it prone to disease and other lawn problems.

3. It's also important to remember that during severe drought and hot conditions that a larger lawn mower on your lawn can add more stress causing wheel burns.

If you cannot use a smaller mower cut your lawn at a slower speed.

4. Be sure not to leave any tarps, kids pools, garden hoses etc. on your lawn. Because this will burn your lawn.