



Fall Lawn Renovation Program for 2010 “Near Perfect” Lawn

(When less than 20% of your lawn consists of weeds)

Week One: Do not mow lawn this week. Determine if the weeds in your lawn are broadleaf weeds, grassy weeds, or Nut sedge. If the weeds are broadleaf, apply **Clear Choice** or **beater Ultra liquid weed killer**, if the weeds are grassy, apply **Crabgrass killer with MSMA**; if the weeds are Nutsedge, apply **SedgeHammer**. Depending on your conditions, you may have to apply all three. Be sure to use a **Spreader Sticker** if directed, this will ensure that the chemicals stay on the leaves of the weeds and do not run off. A granular alternative is **Green Light Wipe-Out Tough Weed Control**, using a lawn spreader.

Two weeks

later : Mow lawn to a height of 2”, bagging the clippings. Using a De-thatching rake or power rake, rake through the entire lawn to dig out the thatch layer. This will allow more moisture to get to the grass plants and reduce the potential for disease next year.

Apply **Turf Trust 24-2-12 Lawn Fertilizer**. This product contains *Crotonylidene Diurea*. This nitrogen form will give your lawn a healthy and important feeding throughout the winter. The most important feedings for the grass plant are the early fall and the late fall feedings, which happens just before the lawn goes dormant. The energy is stored by the plants in the roots and crown, in the form of carbohydrates.

Apply **Green Light Dimension** pre-emergent herbicide in late August to prevent the germination of annual bluegrass (*Poa annua*), Henbit, and Chickweed. Annual bluegrass is frequently seen in a lawn in the springtime and is characterized by a lime green leaf and prolific seed heads. **You cannot seed after applying Dimension!**

If some seeding is necessary, refer to the following directions.

All bare spots should be raked out with a hard tine rake. This will remove the dead material and open up the soil to a depth of ¼”. We recommend that bare spots be seeded with **Turf Sense Brand** **m seed**, available from your **Independent Garden Center**. In shade use Jonathan Greene’s Shady Nooks grass seed. The grass seed should be covered with a thin layer of **Leafgro**. The **Leafgro** will protect the grass seed from washing away, while supplying young seedlings with a nutritious environment in which to grow. Apply **Turf Trust** at this time as well. Water the patched areas for a period of 10 to 14 days.

Note: Always refer to product labels for specific use directions, precautions, and limitations before using products.

Let Turf Trust help you make it perfect!