

More tips for fertilizing cool-season turfgrass

As I reported last week, a good rule of thumb for cool-season lawns is to add nitrogen fertilizer in September, November and May to provide nutrients during optimum growth periods. Among these application timings: September is the most important, November is the second most important and May is the third most important.

Remember that ideally nutrients should be ready and available in the soil when spring growth begins. This supports recommendations for a November application of nitrogen and a caution to avoid early spring fertilizing. If you didn't put fertilizer down in late fall, there are other opportunities. If you fertilize before the end of February, the nutrients will still be available to the lawn when spring growth begins.

Typically, November offers fewer pitfalls for this type of approach (namely frozen ground, turf which may still be active), but a late-winter



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application is better than one in April. A second option is using a slow-release fertilizer like sulfur-coated urea in early March. Only consider this if you did not put down fertilizer in late fall. The slow-release action in such a fertilizer will help avoid a surge of spring growth that can weaken the root system. Spring presents questions about the use of fertilizer and crabgrass preventer.

Ideally, crabgrass preventer should be applied by April 1, even earlier if you use a material like Barricade that needs to be watered in. The problem is that two available crabgrass-prevention products, Barricade and Dimen-

sion, are only available to homeowners packaged in fertilizer. Because Barricade has no effect on crabgrass, once the weed has germinated, it must be put out on time. So how can you apply the crabgrass preventer at a time when fertilizer should not be applied? My suggestion is to use the Barricade/fertilizer combination product with the November (or February) application, but not in spring.

Dimension does have some effect on crabgrass once it has germinated, so it is a more acceptable product to use with a fertilizer in spring. If you use a Dimension/fertilizer product, follow this advice.

1) Wait until at least the last week of April before using a Dimension/fertilizer combination product. This times

the application close to the early May recommendation.

2) Make sure 25 to 50 percent of the fertilizer is a slow-release material. Several fertilizer manufacturers put these herbicides into their products, so shop for brands which use slow-release forms of nitrogen. This encourages late spring growth without harming the root system.

Remember, these basic recommendations for cool-season turf grass fertilization are made with Kansas conditions in mind.

Be skeptical of "fertilizer program" products which suggest fertilizing four to five times a year or at alternate times of year such as early spring or early summer.

Such recommendations may result in overfertilized Kansas lawns that are more susceptible to summer stress, not to mention the negative environmental consequences of excessive nutrient use.



Hilaria and Joy Huff after they were married on July 7, 1943.

Science teacher resigns after one year on the job

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school science teacher hired last year. The board will not officially hire Avila until the KBI checks her background — something required by state law.

• Held a 15-minute closed session to talk about Superintendent Selby's annual written evaluation, but didn't take any action afterwards.

• Decided to sell a hydraulic press the district owns to Jerry Bauman, a Goodland man, for \$400. Superintendent Selby said the broken press hasn't been used in years.

• Presented an outstanding achievement award to Jason Showalter, a

Goodland High School senior who won the Voice of Democracy speech contest in January at the Department of Foreign Wars Mid-Winter conference. Showalter gave his speech titled, "What Price Freedom?" to the board.

• Heard from Superintendent Selby, who said the district's heating bill last month was \$42,800, which is significantly higher than last year's January bill. The district paid almost \$3,000 last month to heat the gymnasium at the Edson school, he said, which is expensive considering the school is only used for sports' practices.

• Listened to principals' reports. Sharon Gregory, Central Elemen-

tary School principal, reported that school events were canceled last week because of snow and students have finished posters for the Sherman County Conservation District's annual contest.

Jim Mull, Grant Junior High principal, said students will be attending a music festival in Colby this week. Jerry Burkett, West Elementary School principal, said students will put on a patriotic show at the school at 8:30 a.m. next Thursday.

Steve Raymer, North Elementary School principal, reported that the school will be doing state testing in social studies and reading and will hold a "Proud to be an American" contest for

fifth and sixth graders.

• Heard member Gerald Franklin, who represents the district on the Northwest Kansas Technical School's board, report that Larry Keirns, who has been the technical school's director for 34 years, plans to retire in June.

• Decided to switch to Blue Cross and Blue Shield for dental insurance — after hearing the new plan will save employees more than \$25 a month — if the staff agrees. Selby said 75 percent of the district's 190 full-time employees must join.

• Discussed setting next year's school calendar, but decided to get more input from teachers.

matters of record

Goodland Municipal Court
Jan. 12 — Aaron C. Wilson, 18, Goodland, failing to yield right of way, \$56; inattentive driving, \$30.
Jan. 15 — Nicholas Wesley Yeager, 19, Larned, speeding 40/30, \$56. Justin Provencio, 19, Anthony, N.M., transporting open container, \$136; minor in possession of alcohol, \$200.
Jan. 16 — Cathy Kufahl, Goodland, parking disabled vehicle, \$46.

Jan. 18 — Brandon R. Gordon, 19, Hoisington, speeding, 40/30, \$56. Johanna E. Zwetzig, 67, Goodland, speeding 28/20, \$56.
Jan. 19 — James C. Mayfield, 15, Goodland, careless driving, \$86. Eric L. Yonkey, 34, Goodland, unsafe speeding for conditions, \$56.
Jan. 23 — Rusty Robinson, 16, Goodland, inattentive driving, \$66. Roy G. Conner, 18, Burlington,

Colo., theft, \$136.

Jan. 24 — Kelly A. Brown, 22, Colby, driving while suspended, \$136; and five days in jail.

Christopher Gary, 20, Goodland, no driver's license, \$66; illegal registration, \$20; no proof of insurance, \$300. Trudy Heath, Dighton, parking disabled vehicle, \$46.

Kimberly C. Burk, 29, Goodland, theft, \$136.

James. W. Baker, 46, Goodland, speeding 61/45, \$68.

Jan. 25 — Jenny R. McCurry, 28, Goodland, no child safety restraint, \$56. Angelita Lopez Torres, 29, Goodland, no proof of insurance, \$336; illegal registration, \$20.

Jan. 26 — Maria Garza, Goodland, parking disabled vehicle, \$46.

Jan. 30 — Bill E. Winn, 32, Goodland, no proof of insurance, \$336.

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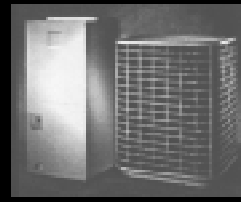
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