

# Timely Turf Tips

## September 2013

As the end of summer arrives we are still experiencing drought conditions, and that dryness affects some of the usual September lawn care projects like fertilizing grass and controlling weeds. Homeowners need to remember that lawns stressed by drought need moisture to attain the actively growing component required for good weed control and grass reaction. Hopefully, for those of us that rely on Mother Nature to supply rain, the cooler temperatures and expected increase in rainfall will provide relief.

### Unwanted pests: Bees, Wasps and Hornets

During late summer and fall wasps become very active. Control is difficult, but making sure you don't attract them is a great start. If the nest is close to your activities and/or home you may have to eradicate the nest. More information can be found at: <http://www1.extension.umn.edu/garden/insects/find/wasp-and-bee-control/>.

We have traps, sprays and powder insecticide available at the Hugo Feed Mill.

### Moles

If you are noticing ridges of raised turf and an occasional cone-shaped pile of dirt, then you probably have the pesky lawn irritant - the mole. These persistent burrowers can cause a great deal of damage to your yard if left uncontrolled and trapping can be an effective method to resolve the problem. There are various types of traps available, including scissor, loop, and harpoon traps. For tips on locating the best tunnels and setting the traps, see the folks at the feed mill. Check out the coupon below for savings. Additional information on trapping can be found at <http://www.extension.umn.edu/projects/yardandgarden/ygbriefs/W703moletrapping.html>

### Lawn Care

- One of the best times for fertilizing your lawn is from Labor Day through the middle of September if the lawn is not drought stressed. We recommend Hugo Feed Mills brand 25-0-15.
- Core-aerate near Labor Day and spread gypsum to help relieve soil compaction. Apply fertilizer after aerating. There is still time to fill in bare spots in your lawn with grass seed. Stop in and ask us how.
- Apply weed control products like SpeedZone and Weed Free Zone to actively growing established lawns for control of tough-to-kill perennial weeds, like Creeping Charlie and Clover.
- Don't forget to water your trees and shrubs, especially evergreens which need adequate moisture right up to freeze up to offset winter moisture loss due to transpiration.

Finches are very active at this time of year so be ready for them with a finch sock feeder (see coupon below.) Remember to locate the new feeder away from feeders visited by larger birds and begin with a small amount of seed in the feeder until it is used regularly to keep the seed fresh.

*Check out our annual Pepper and Tomato tasting event held Saturday, September 14 from 9am – 1pm  
Try samples and choose your favorites for next season!*

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