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TURF TIPS FOR FALL & WINTER 2006

In this transition zone we have two very unpredictable seasons – Winter and Summer. We never know what the severity of either will be. Therefore, planning ahead is your assurance of healthier turf during these times.

Fall of the year is not the time to quit your spray programs. Continue a good preventative program right up to about Thanksgiving time. Spray at least twice in the Fall for root rot Pythium and for Dollar Spot.

The following ideas are ones that you already know. However, often times we forget to implement our own ideas until someone reminds us. Here is your reminder:

1. Apply potash to greens and tees to aid in winter hardiness.
2. Possibly cover short mowed tees, especially ones subject to harsh winds.
3. For those of you who have a knotweed problem, apply Barricade at .75 A.I. per acre or Gallery at 1 lb per acre prior to the ground freezing. An alternative cool season is (Regalkade), 32-3-12 w/40% UF or 8-2-34 on warm season at a rate of 3 bags per acre. Apply late Fall.
4. Also remember late Fall and early Winter are excellent times to apply IBDU/Par Ex 21-3-16. Let IBDU feed your roots all winter, you will be pleased with the results next spring. Use at a double rate, i.e. 10 lbs per 1000.
5. Why not try some Gary's Green soluble NPK to help store some of the essential nutrients in the plant tissue. Just mix it right in with your last application for snow mold control. I would suggest either Gary's Green, Tuff Turf or NutriGreen along with a gallon of SeaQuential or CPR per acre.
6. Use 4 oz Chipco 26GT and 8 oz Daconil for snow mold control. Apply around Thanksgiving and repeat again during mid-January thaw. An alternative would be Consyst at 8 oz per 1,000 sq ft. One twenty (20) lb case treats approximately an acre. Add into that Signature at 11 lbs per acre for spring Anthranose.
7. If using Prograss this Fall, be sure to have adequate moisture next Spring. If it's not a rainy March, then irrigate.
8. Finally, how about putting in two cups for pin rotation before the ground freezes and you can't.
9. How about those ornamentals. Spray them with leaf Shield and apply a pre-emerge for winter annuals. A good pre-emerge would be Regal 0-0 or Snapshot.

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