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## 2026 Mid/Late Spring Lawn Tips & Updates

How you care for your lawn and soil during spring can make a huge difference later in the season. Healthy soil and strong grass lead to:

- Better color all season long
- Fewer weeds and crabgrass
- Reduced insect activity
- Improved drought resistance

Your Mid-Spring application is designed to keep your lawn green and healthy into early summer. If weed control was included in your program, weeds should begin curling and dying within 7–10 days after treatment.

The cool, and excessively wet spring has been a challenge and has delayed early growth slightly, but lawns are starting to look healthy as they are drying up.

**Grub & Crane Fly Alert** - Because winter soil temperatures did not stay consistently cold, we expect higher populations of grubs, crane flies, ticks, and other lawn insects. If you have not added insect prevention yet, it's not too late. We offer both traditional and organic prevention options.

**Attention pet owners!** Yard Guard-Organic Flea & Tick Spray protects you pets and yourselves with safe and natural treatments for lawns and surrounding plantings. Regular applications are required for best results. Yard Guard also works to protect the lawn from Grubs and Crane Fly larvae.

**Mow High** - higher mowing promotes deeper roots, better color, improved drought tolerance, and reduced crabgrass presence.

By summer, lawns should generally be maintained at 3 inches or higher. Consistently mowing too short weakens grass and allows weeds, moss, and crabgrass to move in. Mulching blades are strongly recommended, and short clippings should be left on the lawn whenever possible.

## **A Healthy Lawn Begins with Healthy Soil**

Strong lawns start below the surface. Healthy soil improves color, rooting, nutrient absorption, and resistance to weeds, insects, and disease. WNY soils are often heavy clay and compacted, poorly drained, low in organic matter, and/or sandy with nutrient deficient in some areas. You can contact our team to add any of these treatments to significantly improve your lawn health.

**Natural Liquid Aeration** - this treatment is one of the best ways to improve compacted clay soils. Benefits include:

- Better soil penetration
- Improved rooting
- Less mess than core aeration
- Kelp & humates for added nutrients and bio-stimulants

**Compost Bio-Activator / Liquid Compost** - this organic treatment improves soil biology by feeding beneficial microbes. Benefits include:

- Improved color and root growth
- Better soil structure
- Helps clay soils loosen naturally
- Helps sandy soils retain nutrients and moisture

**Organic Soil Builder** - Organic matter transforms ordinary dirt into rich, healthy soil. This treatment helps:

- Increase organic matter levels
- Improve nutrient retention and soil structure
- Build long-term lawn health
- Especially beneficial for both sandy and depleted clay soils.

**Soil pH Improvement** - incorrect soil pH can lock nutrients in the soil, even when fertilizer is present. If you've previously had a soil test completed, be sure to continue recommended pH treatments.

- **Sulfur** helps improve alkaline soils
- **Lime (calcium)** helps improve acidic soils

**Lab Soil Testing** - We offer professional 14-point soil analysis through Waypoint Labs. Testing helps identify Nutrient deficiencies, Excess minerals, pH problems, and Soil composition issues affecting lawn health and color.