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## Early Spring Newsletter and Tips

In NY State, lawn care season officially begins April 1<sup>st</sup>. After a mild, but extended winter, we are anxious to get back to work making your lawn the best it can be. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank our many longtime customers for their continued support, and to welcome all of our new customers this year. *If you have not renewed your service yet, please call or email the office so we can get you set up quickly.*

***If you did not have service last season, you can get an estimate for the 2024 season right on our website [www.greenbuffalolawn.com](http://www.greenbuffalolawn.com), or call our office at 716-681-7793.***

We also offer two programs for pet and home insect protection, even if you don't get our regular lawn care:

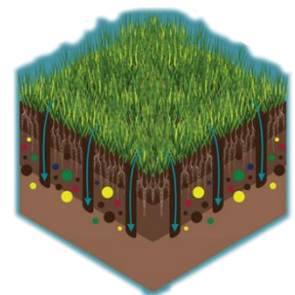
**Yard Guard -Organic Flea and Tick Prevention.** A safe and natural way to protect your dogs from these insects and Lyme Disease too. It also keeps most lawn insects out of the grass.

**Foundation Pest Control.** All-organic applications around the perimeter of the house to prevent ants, spiders, centipedes, etc., from entering your home.

### ***It all begins with the soil!***

In most parts of WNY, especially the suburbs, soils tend to be claylike, soggy, and compacted. And then there are some sections that are extremely sandy and dry. Neither is great for lawns. *Poor soil means a lawn that is limited in color and more prone to weeds, crabgrass, insects and diseases.* We offer a lot of optional services to help improve soil quality. Here are a few of our favorites:

**Natural (liquid) Aeration.** For heavy clay soils or compacted lawns.



Our Natural Aeration applications will loosen compacted soil, improve drainage, and allow for deeper rooting. Plus, *it costs far less than core aeration*. We recommend all customers get this at least once a year. And if you have clay or heavy soil, you should do it more often.

**Organic Soil Builder.** Raising the level of organic matter in your soil will help on many levels. It will improve both clay and sandy soils and anything in between. It will also work to give your lawn more color, more iron, and better nutrient balance.

**Compost Bio-activator.** (liquid or granular). Helps make soils more bioactive, improves grass health and rooting. Good for any trees that are in the lawn.

### **EARLY SPRING LAWN TIPS**

Our service will help your lawn become thick and healthy, but proper care on your part is essential. Poor mowing, watering, and trimming practices can ruin a lawn. We see it all the time. Below are some tips to help get the season off to a good start.

1. **Give the lawn a light raking** to remove debris and lift matted grass and snow mold damage. Much of it will disappear by mid spring if you gently fluff it up a bit so air and sunlight can get to the soil. Our *Organic Disease Preventer* can help the grass recover faster.
2. **Mow at the right height.** Make your first cuts short, 1 ½ inches or so. Gradually raise the height to 2 ½- 3 ½" by mid-May. In general, lawns that are mowed higher are healthier and will have less crabgrass, less weeds, deeper roots, and better color. The exception to this rule is creeping bentgrass lawns. Bentgrass grows sideways and needs to be mowed shorter, no higher than 1 to 1 ½".
3. **Sharpen your mower blade.** A dull blade tears the grass instead of giving it a nice clean cut. These tears are more likely to encourage disease organism than clean slices. It also results in a light fuzzy look on top of the lawn that can be seen from the street.
4. **Mow at least once a week** in the spring. Try to "trim" the grass instead of "chop" the grass. In other words, mow often enough so the clippings are short and can be left on the lawn.
5. **Lawn Education.** Visit our lawn education blog that you'll find on the Menu bar of our website at [www.greenbuffalolawncare.com](http://www.greenbuffalolawncare.com). It covers all the basics on mowing, watering, crabgrass, snow mold, soil improvement and much more.

### **CUSTOMER ADVICE**

**Work with us for optimum service.** Here are a few ways we can help each other out:

- If you have a mowing service, let us know what day of the week they plan to mow. If they should come right after we've done an application (our signs will be on the lawn), ask them to come back the next day. Or, if they must mow, tell them to leave the clippings.
- If you are planning a party or know of a day when people or pets have to be on the lawn, try to let us know at least a week in advance so we can reschedule if needed. • Call if you see anything unusual happening to your lawn or have any questions or complaints.
- Pay your bills or prepay online. Just go to our website <http://www.greenbuffalolawncare.com>, and at the top right of the homepage you will see a box that says **Payment Portal**.

We hope you'll be more than satisfied by our efforts and will tell all your friends and neighbors about **Green Buffalo Lawn Care**. Once again, thank you for all your referrals. They are our greatest source of new customers.

**Have a Great Spring! We'll see you on the next round.**