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Early Spring Newsletter and Tips

In NY State, the lawn care season officially started April 1st. After a cold, long winter, we are anxious to get back to work making your lawn the best it can be. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our many longtime customers for their continued support. We welcome all our new customers this year. Please read this newsletter for tips and customer advice to help have a great and trouble-free lawn care season.

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. Here are some tips to help get the season off to a good start!

- 1. Give the lawn a gentle 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 organisms than clean slices.**
- 4. Mow at least once a week in the spring. Try to "trim" the grass instead of "chop" the grass, which means mow often enough so the clippings are short and can be left on the lawn.**
- 5. Lawn Education. Visit our lawn education blog on our website at www.greenbuffalolawncare.com. It covers all the basics on mowing, watering, crabgrass, snow mold, soil improvement, and much more.**

Do you have pets? Our Yard Guard - Organic Flea and Tick Prevention program is a safe and natural way to protect your pets, children, and yourselves from these insects, and Lyme Disease too. It also keeps most lawn insects out of the grass. We also offer an Organic Foundation Pest Control program to prevent ants, spiders, centipedes, etc., from entering your home. Get on these programs early to prevent these insects from getting established.

It all begins with the soil!

In most parts of WNY, especially the suburbs, soils tend to be claylike, soggy, and compacted. There are also some neighborhoods 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 improved 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.

Lab Soil Testing. This is a great tool we can use to pinpoint soil deficiencies and excesses. It's a 14-point analysis of nutrients, organics, pH, and more. If you had a *Lab Soil Test* in the past, contact us to see if there is anything specifically recommended for this season.

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.