Monthly Field Tip - Crabgrass Control

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Now is the time to inspect your turf and determine the need for spring pre-emergent crabgrass control. Dead and dying annual grassy weeds, such as crabgrass, are easily distinguished from desirable grasses.

For some, crabgrass control may be an aesthetic application determined by unsightly clumps of incompatible coarse bladed grass. For others the need for crabgrass control is brought about by a desire to promote a more durable playing surface. Competition developed as crabgrass populations increase cause the deterioration and thinning of desirable grasses. Whatever your reasons, make the decision now.