

AUTUMN SEEDING FOR BEST LAWN RESULTS

Nature's way is usually the best way after all. And, autumn seeding comes close to being nature's way. By this time of year, temperatures are cooling off, days are getting shorter and soil moisture is ideal for germination of seed and early seedling establishment. At this time many annual weeds like crabgrass have finished their growth cycle and will not compete with seedling lawngrass plants.

Four to six weeks before the first autumn frost is about the ideal time to plant a new lawn or overseed one that has suffered through an unfavorable summer. Lawns started or improved then will be ready for sturdy growth next summer.

Kentucky bluegrasses are considered basic to lawn seed mixtures used in the cool, humid regions of the country. Hybrids such as Adelphi, America, Bonnieblue, Eclipse and Majestic have been selected for dense, low growth and fine texture. Other cultivars derive from natural selection and feature the best adaptation that nature has to offer. Noteworthy American finds are Arboretum, Glade, Merion, Merit, Nugget, Plush, Ram I, Touchdown and Vantage. Among the very best from afar come Birka, Enmundi, Fylking, Monopoly and Sydspout.

This autumn, select a lawnseed mixture containing one or more of these recommended bluegrasses. This easy to make decision will be the start you need to make your lawn the talk of the neighborhood next spring.

Plants under severe stress need special attention. They should be watered well if fall continues dry. If they are in poorly drained soil, some means of draining off excess water needs to be devised. Make every attempt to avoid root injury. Trees in exposed locations may benefit from treatment with an antidesiccant to reduce moisture loss from leaves. Or, construct some sort of screen to protect exposed plants from winter sun and wind.

While plants under stress normally recover when conditions improve, spruce and pine are susceptible to attack by disease organisms under such conditions. Cytospora canker is the most damaging of these and can ultimately kill the trees. There is no cure for cytospora canker so it is important that the plants receive the necessary care to let them recover rapidly before the disease attacks.

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An old lady kept asking the busdriver to tell her when they arrived at a certain small town. She asked so often that finally the driver got nervous and passed through the small town before he realized it. He apologized to the other passengers, turned around, and drove back. Then he said to the old lady: "This is the town where you wanted to get out."

"Who wants to get out?" she answered.

The driver said: "You did."

"No", she said, "my daughter told me that when I pass through this town, I should take my pills."

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ON THE NATIONAL SCENE

Having just returned from my first board meeting in Lawrence, Kansas, I feel that GCSAA is on the verge of many new and exciting plans and programs for its members.

The staff in Lawrence has been organized in a very professional and productive manner. We, as members, will benefit by the many and varied programs that will be forthcoming from this very competent organization. Already I think you see the improvement in our International Golf Course Management Magazine. Our Membership Department has set its goals for us to expand from the present 5,000 members to perhaps 10,000 with future goals ranging to possibly 15,000 in the next 10 to 15 years.

The Marketing Department will be shortly offering a number of items with the GCSAA logo so we all can show our pride in being members of the national organization.

The Education Department will be undertaking great strides in the advancement of our profession. One of the most interesting of these will be the telecasting of seminars, via satellite, to different locations in the United States. These seminars can be attended by up to 50 superintendents without the cost of travel, hotel rooms, etc. In this way the association will offer you the greater programs at a lesser cost to the individual. Look for this department to more than offset the cost of membership in GCSAA.

One other department that has been recently added is the Show & Conference Department. With this department the association will be able to provide us the best possible show sites and give us the best possible rooms at a price we can all afford.

I would be shrinking my duty if I also didn't convey to you the possibility of the movement of National Headquarters to some other site. Current locations under consideration are Lawrence, Kansas: - Denver, Colorado; - Connecticut; - Atlanta, Georgia; - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; - New Jersey and two Florida sites, Ft. Myers and Orlando.

Hopefully GCSAA will have all the information available this fall and will be able to present to the full membership a site that will fill our needs for the next two decades.

If you have any problems or ideas that I could help you with please feel free to give me a call ... I am working with you.

**Credit - Florida Green
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THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

"The great sin, fear.

The greatest mistake, giving up.

The most satisfying experience, doing your duty first.

The best action, keeping the mind clear and the judgment good.

The greatest blessing, good health.

The biggest fool, the man who lies to himself.

The greatest gamble, substituting hope for facts.

The most certain thing in life, change.

The greatest joy, being needed.

The greatest opportunity, the next one.

The greatest victory, victory over self.

The best play, successful work.

The greatest handicap, egotism.

The most expensive indulgence, hate.

The greatest loss, loss of self-confidence."