

arsenite treatments every 10 days to two weeks except in hot weather. Try it out in the nursery first to get the "feel" of sodium arsenite. Don't look for quick spectacular results because they will be gradual.

As we have said before, you can help give Poa annua the "bum's rush" by introducing more vigorous grasses, by keeping greens on the dry side, and by applying principles of aerating and vertical mowing.

Q-What is your opinion of the new Uramite fertilizer? Would you recommend it? If so, at what rate? (Wisc.)

A—Experimental evidence to date shows that Uramite produces results comparable to those developed from natural organics such as Milorganic, Agrinite and seed meals. We do not yet have evidence that could warrant a statement that it is better than natural organics. Slow steady release of nitrogen is one feature—non-burning characteristics another. To offset this, natural organics carry phosphorus, potash and certain trace or minor elements. Uramite contains nitrogen only.

In some cases the lasting effect is only half as great as claimed, probably affected by compact soil, lack of aeration, excess water, and other factors. Some users attempt to correct by doubling the recommended quantity.

My last recommendation for any fertilizer is to follow manufacturer's directions. We have observed good results when fertilizer is applied following aeration.

Q-We want your advice on using sewage sludge on golf greens, such as in topdressing mixture; using it straight as topdressing; and using it in mixture in building a new green in place of peat. We may try this. (Ill.)

A-Raw or partially digested sewage sludge is not recommended to be used straight as top-dressing on greens. I have seen bad burns on bentgrass from using sludge straight. If you were to spread the sludge out on a soil bed, disc it into the soil and let it compost for a year, you'd find it an excellent addition to the topdressing mixture. It can be used this way to replace part of the peat.

Sludge decomposes so rapidly that it would not be wise to depend upon this source alone for organic matter. In building a new green it would be very beneficial if sludge were used as composted material, disced and blended a year in advance into the topsoil that is to be used for the top 8-10-ins, on the green. A generous application of complete fertilizer high in P & K is recommended to be added to the soil bed in which the sludge is to be composted. Properly used, sludge can be a good material for supplementing the topdressing used on greens.

Q-Why is it better to apply all-organic fertilizer in the fall instead of the spring? (N. Y.)

A-Your query is reminiscent of the trick question asked by the prosecuting attorney—"Have you stopped beating your wife?" Anyway you answer you are wrong.

Where did you get the idea that applying all