

TURF TALK.....

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"A Beautiful Lawn is no Accident. It is the Reward of Planning and Patience."



Weed Wisdom: The most recognized weed in a lawn is the Dandelion. The Dandelion is a perennial weed. Which means, the same Dandelion plant can live year to year. It does not die during the winter. It is also a *broadleaf* weed. Which is a type of plant that mainly holds true to that description "Broad-Leaf". A simpler way to identify most broadleaf weeds is that they do not look like grass. A single Dandelion can produce hundreds of seeds. A lawn filled with Dandelions can produce many, many thousands of seeds. The youngest Dandelion weeds first appear so small, that they aren't even noticeable. But A correct yearly program of broadleaf weed control will eliminate the Dandelion growth cycle in your lawn. Making the bigger yellow blooming and seeding Dandelion a weed of the past.

Correct Mowing Height

A 2x4 block on it's edge should fit under your blade.

Your Lawn's Health is Directly Impacted by the Height of the mower blades. Lawns mowed too short give weeds an unfair advantage to compete with the grass for sunlight. Lawns



mowed too short will not retain moisture due to the ground being exposed to wind & sun and not shaded by a healthy, tall stand of lawn grass. Short, improperly mown lawns have more of all weeds, including crabgrass & broadleaf weeds. Lawns mowed too short are very weak in surviving dry conditions. Mow your lawn at no less than 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch mower blade height, not mower deck height.

A Winning Crabgrass Strategy

- 1) Spring Pre-Emergent weed Control.
- 2) Mow lawn not less than 3 ½ inches.
- 3) Reduce soil compaction mow in different directions core aerate your lawn- crabgrass can grow in the worst hardest soil conditions.
 - 4) Over-seed & feed lawn properly.