

TURF TIPS

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The Grass is *Always Greener* at HillSide

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Recently Added Isuzu Lawncare Tanker Truck.

Fleet Expansion

When a Hillside truck pulls up to service your lawn, know that you are getting superior weed control delivered in an environmentally friendly way. Our spray trucks allow us to use a higher volume of water for better coverage and absorption of the herbicide being used. You get the results you need delivered in a responsible manner that most granular applications simply can't match.



Mature Crabgrass Photographed Locally.

Keeping Your Lawn Free Of Crabgrass

The best way to achieve this is to have Hillside apply pre-emergent herbicide in the late-winter/early-spring time frame. This application is crucial for a weed free lawn all season. Timing and accuracy of application can make or break the overall success of your lawn. Call or click today to make sure you're on track to receive this application before the window of opportunity is gone.

Improved Customer Service Initiatives for 2011:

Customer Friendly Website- We now have an interactive website complete with "announcements" and a "lawn care blog" to keep you up to date with the green industry. Customers can use the archives to solve problems dealing with lawn and landscape issues. Visit us at www.hillsidelawn.com today.

Perimeter Pest Control Applications- By popular demand, we are offering this service to deal with insects that live and multiply on the perimeter of your home. This liquid application prevents the insects from entering the home or invading your landscape plantings. We are scheduling two applications per year to be done in the June to August time frame. Call for a free price quote today.

Spring Aeration & Seeding Service- Hillside will be scheduling spring aeration and seeding service this year for start-up customers who do not want to wait for the fall seeding window of opportunity. Due to new late season post-emergent weed controls now available, we can treat your crabgrass well after the new desirable turf is up and growing. Call today for a spring aeration & seeding price quotation.

Winter Turf Tips

- Be responsible with salt and snow-melt usage along curb strips and walkways to avoid damaging susceptible turf.
- As much as possible, keep excessive amounts of snow from accumulating along edges. One of the most common problems is damage from snow on treated roads that is plowed up onto your lawn.
- Stay off of frozen, exposed turf as much as possible. Acute damage in the form of browning, thinning, and stress can occur that will only show up after the snow has melted and spring arrives.
- Make sure to get the blades on your mower sharpened if needed. Dull blades create a “tearing” effect on grass blades, leaving the turf more susceptible to disease and stress throughout the year. A cleaner cut means a healthier lawn.
- Plan your 2012 seeding strategy now. If you are considering seeding in the spring, never apply a crabgrass pre-emergent and grass seed at the same time. Always let us know ahead of time if you are doing any “spot” seeding, so we can modify your program accordingly.

For more information or for a consultation with a HillSide expert, visit www.HillSideLawn.com or call 410-399-2207

Straight From the Blog

Here's a sampling of our new Blog found on the homepage of Hillside Lawn. Check regularly to get the latest local observations and pictures from Wes Cohen, manager at Hillside Lawn Service.



Frost on the Blades

The best thing to do is stay off of the lawn when its frozen or create specific areas for traffic patterns to minimize the damage.



Which Seed Variety does best in Maryland?

When preparing to seed your lawn this fall, which is the best time, you're probably wondering what type of seed is best for your lawn.



Mowing Weekly in August

The result will be better looking lawns this fall and an increased need for fertilizer and weed control applications.



Mature Crabgrass in July

All of these runners will put out seedheads, which will produce next year's crop of this invasive, annual grassy weed.

HILLSIDE'S GREEN INITIATIVE

HILLSIDE'S ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

Nutrient Management Compliance- Hillside continues to be compliant with MD state nutrient management laws which are enforced by the MDA. We are inspected annually for records of correct fertilizer usage. This is why we recommend and need all of our customers to have their soil laboratory tested once every three years. Call today for a price quote for this service.

PHC BIOPAK PLUS- Hillside is now using this biological fertilizer which contains micronutrients and microbial inoculants for landscape plants. This new product was used in our tree/shrub deep root feeding program. We applied it as a liquid formulation around the root systems of landscape plants for improved health and vigor with minimal use of synthetic macro-nutrient sources.

Environmental Employee Training- Hillside conducts on-going training sessions covering topics such as IPM, fertilizer run off issues and proper pesticide container disposal. We always try to be aware of procedures and techniques to protect the local eco system.