



# A Green Note June 2016

Welcome Summer Time! [THENUMBER1LAWNGUY.COM](http://THENUMBER1LAWNGUY.COM)

**June is the reason to be organic!** Why, you ask? Kiddos are now home from school and probably living in the yard during the summer days to come! All of that time spent running, playing, picnicking, laying down in the lawn—that is a lot of exposure to grass. As a Lawn Guy fertilizing client, you can be happy in knowing that you have taken away the risk of exposure to toxins and chemicals in your lawn treatments.

**Watering Practices:** If there is no rain for 5 or more days, it is time to turn on your sprinkler or irrigation system. The best time to water is early in the morning between 6 and 8AM. And again later in the morning between 11AM and noon. Water for 15–20 minutes only. Never water in the evening, because the soil doesn't have enough time to dry and that sitting water can lead to moisture issues and disease. A sprinkler timer is a great investment.

**June Mowing Tips:** When mowing, cut no more than 1/3 of the grass blade at a time. Grass should ideally be maintained between 3 1/2–4" this time of year. Cool season grasses grow on average 1/10" - 3/10" per day during the season.

**Reminder: ALWAYS return grass clippings** to the yard. This acts as a top dressing and nitrogen is returned back into the soil. This is very good for your lawn. Nitrogen = GREEN.

## June Services:

If you are on our fertilizing program, we will be out to put down the second round of 6-0-6 granular fertilizer and lime application. If you are on our Basic or Premier Program, we will also put down the conditioner that is needed specifically for your soil.

If you are on our mowing and/or maintenance program, we will be out for a quality inspection and perform general maintenance on your flower beds, if we were unable to perform it in May. If you have any questions or concerns, please text Kevin at 610-762-6127.

## What to look for this month:

### PEST: Billbugs/Chinch bugs: Early June—August

Billbug and Chinch bug damage resembles drought stress, but the affected turf does not recover in September when the temperatures moderate. If chinch bugs are suspected the best way to scout is to place a coffee can (both ends removed) in the soil and fill with soapy water. Chinch bugs will float to the top after about five minutes if they are present. There are generally two generations of chinch bugs and sometimes a third generation if the weather is particularly hot. Billbugs can often be seen on sunny days on walkways and driveways.

Normally if adequate rainfall (0.5 to 1.0 inch per week) or adequate irrigation is received throughout the summer chinch bug activity is masked. The insects may be present, but because the turf is able to grow vigorously, it can outgrow the insect damage. Parasitic Sc nematodes, *Steinernema carpocapsae*, have shown some promise in controlling these surface feeding insects.

If the turf is unable to out-compete the chinch bug damage the best thing to do is to re-seed with endophytic perennial ryegrass or tall and fine fescues after August 15th.



**SPECIAL OFFER: 15% discount on fall aeration and over seeding. Offer ends June 15th. Call to get on our schedule now!**

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