



2007 Weather Reminder



By Tazz

Took the early part of the winter to apply the changes to the company. From going sole proprietor to LLC.

Then I changed the name of the company, Tazz's Turf & Property Maintenance Ltd since I no longer do Design/Build and Install in landscaping.

"I love being a Lawn and Landscape Maintenance Contractor. I did not think that I would." I found I can still have the personal interaction with my clients, At the same time adding the creative touch I like. I also enjoy finding ways to solving problems that my clients may have, or just talking for a moment or two."

Thank Goodness, the signs of spring is coming soon. This darn winter has been a strange one.

Nothing was usual except for the beginning of last spring. We all know that this did not last long . According to our records we kept, maintenance of the lawn only lasted for a month then May came, and the drought as well. Lasting long into the beginning of fall. It wasn't easy to deal with, I think Mother Nature was having a temper tantrum.

What will 2008 bring to us? Haven't seen the farmers almanac yet, but the other contractors in the same business say that we are going to have a early spring. More than likely beginning in March sometime. Even though Mr. Groundhog saw his shadow, which means 6 more weeks of winter anyway. I guess we will have to settle for what



"Notes of changes to the company;

1. *Our website is New, clean, and ready.*
2. *Email is new.*
3. *Our uniforms are black shirts with blue jeans*
4. *Both trucks are black, lettered the same, looking sharp.*
5. *Added new z-mower with collection system.*

Partnered with a company that has over 30? Years in weed and feed

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Season after the Drought

What should we Expect this Season?

I had touched on this a little bit last fall. Now, I would like to put more emphases on what I believe we are going to see.

Unhealthy lawns of course;

Weed growth, will become more of an issue this season due to sparse turf or damaged areas.

Toasted lawns? Please don't forget the butter! Poor root system? Well, that's because of poor watering. Either too much or too little. Too much

watering causes root rot, too little causes shallow roots. Eight glasses for us, to survive, 1" a week of watering for our precious green lawns.

Too much nitrogen to keep everything green, when it should have been resting. Remember, lawn like their naps as well as, bears do. They hibernate in the winter, lawn do this during the heat of summer.

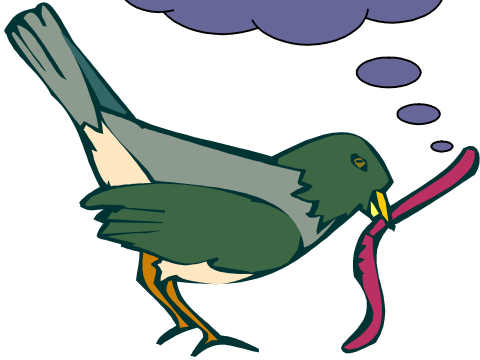
Herbicides applied to prevent weed growth, causing less activity for grass.

What we need to do is to rebuild what lawn was damaged, only apply when necessary the herbicide and nitrogen, **core aerate, and de thatch**, then respect the lawn during the hot months of the season.

Check out these links for more information on lawn care.
www.TurfGrassSod.org
www.lawninstitute.org
Full of information for everyone to learn, research, and understand the important of our lawns.
Check out the links as well on my web

Our Natural Aerators

Worms are good!
Trust Me.



Meet Jon;

I would like to say Thank You to Jon aka Sherlock, for being with me for 5 Years. He has been such a loyal sub contractor & family friend to my husband Steve & daughter.

He does a mean Trimming & Edging!
Thank You, Jon

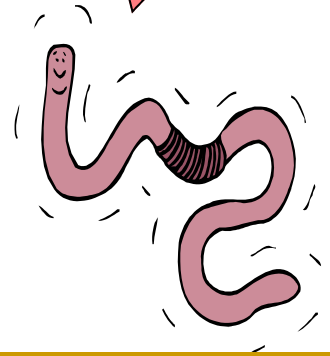
I would like to share with you the benefits of using worm composting, instead of rot-tilling every year. First; Worm composting is the most natural aeration there is. They make tunnels through out the soil, releasing their worm castings in the soil. There is nothing more exciting knowing you have abundance of worms in your landscape. It's an organically way to enrich your soil. "Use earthworms to gauge the health of the soil under your lawn, says Michael Talbot of Michael Talbot & Associates, a Massachusetts ecological land-

scape design and maintenance company.." *from organic magazine.*

Roto tilling every year, as we have all been taught to do in either the vegetable or landscape beds, only causes disruption of the worms and the hard work they have done for your benefit. According to the research, it takes about another year to regain what they have done at the time you decide to rot till. How then do you loosen the soil from a long winter's nap, you ask without disturbing the worms? Just lightly aerate the topsoil about 1-2" in depth. The worm material will take care of the rest for us.

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Let me help you
do the dirty work.



Waiting on a Sunny Day!!!

Living in the northern states brings the snow, gloomy days, and 4 months of anticipation. Is anyone else ready for the bright sunshiny days of spring, and summer? I'm ready, does this weather effect anyone else out there? After the holidays, a few weeks later, I begin this effect of wanting to hibernate like an ole grizzly bear. It takes every bit of self talk to get my mind, body and spirit into being motivated. I'll look forward to those gardening magazines, flip through them, visualize where I can apply those that I find myself

drooling over. If it's not at my own personal property, maybe at a client's property. Then, I find myself all discouraged again. It will be months before I can do a thing.

Going to a suppliers shop or gardening center is torture to me folks, let me tell ya. The smells, colors, and oh my gosh! I have to stay out of those places, my head spins. Then there is the Lawn Mower dealerships ! Watch out, love going to them. My favorite is Koenig's in Vandalia. Has anyone ever been there? Have so many cool toys! Great bunch of guys, believe it or not they

even have candles to sell. They have some cool safety glasses there, I bought a pair. :)

Seriously, if it is going to be winter, let it snow and be cold. I am ready for the sun, sun to be shining upon me, feeling the strength of mercury rising, vitamin D enriching my spirit. Watching the bee's buzzing, butterfly's flying and the hummingbirds fluttering from feeder to

Mulching, Mulch, Mulching

When spring begins, the rush starts, every landscape company is out rushing from property to property getting a handle on either the Lawn care, Landscape care, or a Landscape installation project. It is nothing more than a scramble of trucks, on the road. Some with the most heated, mulch in the back ready to be laid on someone's lucky landscape beds.

The truth of the matter is, that mulch is something everyone

can hold off on until the end of spring, very early summer. Why do I say this? Am I nuts?, Am I wanting more headaches? Not!

Yes, mulch is a great weed suppressant and a helps hold moisture. If you already have mulch down, I would say hold off until the rains let up, ground dry out ambit and then add the mulch on top of the existing. Only adding another 1" to what you already have. Then go back later in the season and add more if need be.

I don't like seeing mounds of mulch on landscape beds. Yet alone so close to the bark of the trees, shrubs and any kind of woody plants that have bark. Can you imagine the fungus and diseases that are incurring on the bark of any woody plant ? When laying mulch, please remember to leave at least 1" away from the trunk of the tree or the shrub for prevention. For future problems.

Your plant will appreciate it.



Mulch now or Mulch later?
That is the question.

The most terrifying words in the English Language are: "I'm from the government and I'm here to help." R. Reagan

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Can I have some relief Please!



What will 2008 bring us?