



- Mow at the correct height. Taller the better in the heat. I recommend no shorter than 2.5". Never take off more than 1/3 of the blade. Taller grass shades and preserves moisture. Also it is better to mulch in the heat. This helps to preserve moisture and the clippings actually provides nutrients to the lawn. Try to avoid mowing in the heat...evenings.
- Water properly. Water deeply and less frequently. Lawns need at least an inch of water a week. We have cool weather grasses. Cool weather grasses grow best in temps of 60 degrees and less. Another choice is to let the lawn go dormant. It will come back in the fall.
- Watch for lawn fungus like brown patch. High humidity and temperatures in the 80's are ideal for lawn fungus to begin. Use a lawn fungicide if you suspect fungus. Grub treatments can still be applied. May is the ideal time here to apply. As summer goes along you will notice brown spots. Turf will be able to easily be rolled back...Use trowel to dig down to verify that it is grubs.
- Fertilize early summer and then wait until temperatures cool, usually late August. Do not promote new growth in the heat. Summer is a great time to kill weeds. Read label on temperatures to apply. A good rule of thumb is to make sure temperatures are going to be below 85 degrees.
- New landscapes and flowering annuals will need to be monitored and watered more often as temperatures rise. Do not water during heat of the day. You should watch established plants in high heat. Also watch for insect damage. If you have insect damage treat with insecticide later in the day when bees are less active. Also pull or kill any weeds in your landscape. Weeds use valuable moisture. It is good time to check your mulch and remulch if needed. I recommend 2 inches of mulch and no more than 3".