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Controlling Bermuda grass in tall fescue and blue grass:

- Make an early application of [Turf Trust](#) over any Bermuda grass infested lawn. Do not use a high salt indexed *Turf Fertilizer* – Bermuda grass likes salt. However, tall fescue and Blue grass do not like salt. Turf Trust is a controlled release lawn fertilizer with a low salt index.
- When a lawn with Bermuda grass is thin or has bald spots, you should over seed with [Water Saver RTF Tall Fescue](#) in the spring, as soon as the weather permits. Over seed with only 2-3 seeds per square inches. Only over seed when it is really needed.
- When forsythias are blooming in your area, make an application of Lebanon [Crabgrass Control w/ Tupersan 4.6% Crab Grass Preventer](#). Use the two-pound setting, which is recommended on the bag for an Earthway Lawn Spreader. Repeat this application thirty-days after the first application. *Note, for Bermuda grass control, you should only use Turpersan Crab Grass Control, not any other crab grass preventer.
- When the Bermuda grass is almost green (in May) make an application of the following mixture: 2 teaspoons of Monterey TurfLon Ester, ½ of a teaspoon [Tenacity](#), 1 tablespoon of Bonide Turbo Spreader Sticker, and 1 gallon of water. Mix these ingredients and apply over the area infested with Bermuda grass. This one-gallon mixture should cover 1,000 square feet of lawn area. Make repeated applications of this mixture every three weeks until the end of summer. Our trial using this procedure shows good control of Bermuda grass.

Lawn Generally:

Northern areas put yard work on hold until the weather improves again.

- Turf Trust applications should be made as soon as the spring weather permits. At the same time, make an application of *Kick Start* to repair damaged root systems, which may have been damaged due to the cold weather. For best results, repeat the Kick Start application two-weeks later. View the Kick Start video.
- Do not fertilize warm season lawns yet. Only feed them with Turf Trust once they are fully green. Do not use speedzone or Bonide weedbeater ultra on St Augustine lawns, use Hi-Yield Atrazine on St. Augustine lawns. Do not use Atrazine weed killer on Bahia lawns, Bermuda lawns, or any types of northern lawns.

Now you can sow tall fescue or blue grass seed, if you need to make lawn repairs. Make sure you cover the seed with peatmoss or a thin layer of compost. Do not over water the newly seeded areas. Zoysia or Bermuda grass seed should not be sown until late May or early summer.

Disease and Insect Prevention:

- Milder weather will be here soon. *Summit Year Round Spray Oil* can be applied. One application of this product will kill overwintering insects and insect eggs, such as mites, lace flies, tent caterpillars, and New England winter moths.
- Lime Sulfur is not sold any more. In its place, you can use [Monterey Liqui-Cop Fungicide Spray](#). Liqui-Cop can be applied on a mild winter day or early spring day to kill overwintering fungus or fungus spores on fruit trees, grapes, berry plants, dogwood, lilac, roses, and peonies. Make the application before bud break. Plants need to be dormant when the application is made. Only one application can be made, and it should be made before the dormant buds swell.
- [Summit Year Round Spray Oil](#) and Monterey Liqui-Cop can be used as a combination spray to control San Jose scale, oyster shell scale, brown apricot scale, black scale, over wintering insect eggs, overwintering fungus spores, or plant diseases. This can be applied to roses, fruit trees, deciduous hedges, shade trees, and deciduous shrubs. The plants must be dormant and leafless when sprayed.

Feed Daffodils and Tulips with Garden Trust now.

- **Always follow labeled instructions.**