

Helpful Notes

- 1) Mowing – **Do not mow your lawn short.** Low mowing makes the lawn need more water to survive. The taller the grass is- the deeper the roots will grow. **Also all grasses must be 3 inches tall in the shade to survive the lack of sun and dryness caused by trees.**
- 2) Go to my web site to get information on Spring Dead Spot, daily water use by various types of grasses, and our new grubworm insecticide (Acelepryn) that we will begin using in July and August.
- 3) Weeds – **Low mowing creates more weed problems.** Unless you are watering enough to not have any water stress, please do not use a reel type mower.
- 4) Weak areas of the lawn; **I suggest that you take a shovel and try to dig in those areas to see if you are watering enough.** If the soil is not wet 12 inches deep, the lawn will turn brown. Use a rain gauge, a cat food or tuna can to be sure you are watering enough. 1.5 inches will not be enough at 100 degrees and 45 mph winds.
- 5) 99% of times I go look at a problem in a lawn; it is the result of the lack of water.
- 6) **Deep watering is much more effective than frequent shallow watering.** Watering twice in one night with at least a 3-4 hour separation between cycles will allow the water to push deeper into the ground before the sun evaporates the water plus minimize running water down the street. Twice per week watering can work if you water deep.