

# The BUGGETTE

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## Preparing for Winter

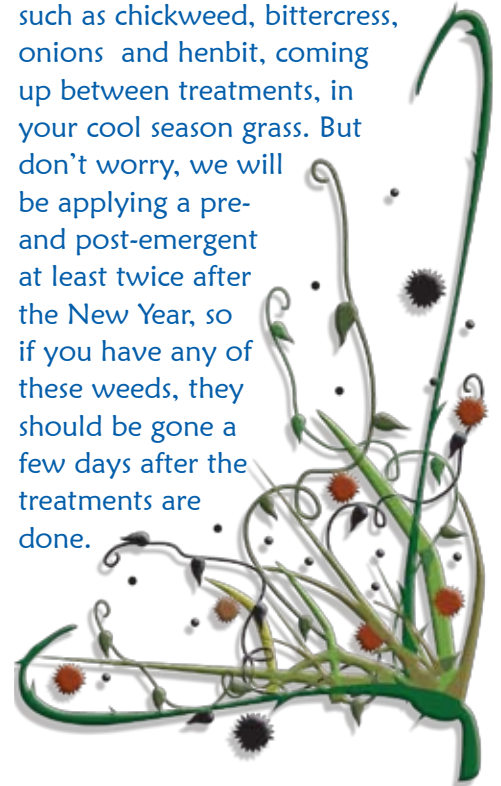
In addition to having your cool season grass aerated and overseeded, there are a few other things you can do to help your lawn stay healthy this fall and winter, no matter what kind of grass you have:

- 1) **One of the most important chores we recommend is raking your leaves. If you leave them on your lawn, they will smother your grass over the winter and our treatments will not be effective.** Try to rake them up weekly during the time when leaves are falling the most.
- 2) Cool season grasses need enough fall water to carry them through the long winter. Pay attention to water restrictions, but water when you can.
- 3) Mow the lawn when it's one-third higher than the recommended mowing height for that type of grass.
- 4) Leave the clippings on the lawn. They'll add nutrients as they break down.
- 5) Encourage dormancy of warm season lawns like Bermuda grass, zoysia grass, and centipede grass by cutting back on water and not fertilizing. Mow as necessary.
- 6) Don't forget to take care of your lawn equipment. Make sure to drain old gas out lawn mowers after the last mowing (unless you use white gas).



## Winter Weeds Will Disappear

You may see a few winter weeds, such as chickweed, bittercress, onions and henbit, coming up between treatments, in your cool season grass. But don't worry, we will be applying a pre- and post-emergent at least twice after the New Year, so if you have any of these weeds, they should be gone a few days after the treatments are done.



## What our customers say about us

"I've been struggling the last couple of years with the lawn and this year the grass is so green and thick. I've never seen grass this thick. I'm very pleased with the service I've been getting." **L. Baugher, Springhill, TN**



## Application #7

### What we did today to your lawn:

- 1) Your lawn received a **calcium and magnesium** application to maintain the pH balance in your soil. Turf grasses grow best in a neutral soil environment (approximately 5.5-6.5 pH for fescue, zoysia and Bermuda grasses). Natural processes tend to make it more acidic over time. This application helps restore the neutral condition of your soil, so your grass will grow better next spring.
- 2) **A liquid treatment** of a post-emergent (weed control) was applied as needed.
- 3) **Fungicides** are not included in any of our applications, but it would be a good idea to put a fungicide on zoysia, especially if your lawn is prone to "patch disease." If you have Bermuda grass with a history of "spring dead spot" disease, your lawn is a good candidate for a fall/winter fungicide treatment. Call the office at 329-4151 to schedule any additional fungicide treatments.
- 4) **Overseeding warm season grasses** with rye grass or spring seeding of any sort (including rye or fescue) is not recommended in conjunction with our pre-emergent program.

### What you need to do until our next visit

- 1) Even during the winter, your lawn should receive an 1" of water each week. But check first with your local government regarding watering restrictions.
- 2) **Remove leaves** regularly from your lawn. They can smother your grass and create problems with winter or early spring diseases.
- 3) **Gradually increase the height of your mower** for warm season grass. The increased height will help the grass to make more food to store, so it can nourish itself when it comes out of dormancy in the spring.

If you have any questions concerning your lawn, trees, shrubs or our service, please call our Customer Service Department Monday – Friday, 7:00am to 4:00pm at 329-4151. If you call after hours, please leave a message and your call will be returned the next business day.



## Holiday Trivia

- The earliest of the American states and territories began to recognize Christmas as a legal holiday around 1836.
- In 1890, Christmas became a national holiday.
- It was not until the late 1920s, when Jewish immigration to America was effectively ended, that Chanukah began to come into its own as a Jewish domestic occasion.
- Today, various holidays are observed in December in America, including the African American celebration of Kwanzaa, the Muslim celebration of Eid-al-Adha, and the Buddhist celebration of Bodhi Day.

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