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Spring Issue

The Shade Tree Gazette



Turf Talk *Our on-staff agronomist, Kenny Reichman, is our guest writer for this round. Due to the extreme cold this winter, we want to make sure that you are aware of the potential problems that may possibly arise in your landscape.*

Having been through one of the coldest spells this past winter that we have experienced in almost 20 years, we will most likely see winter damage in some warm season turf areas and on many trees and shrubs. Some examples of warm season turf areas that we can expect to see some injury become apparent this spring will be:

- Low areas that do not drain well. Standing water allows the roots to hard-freeze.
- Areas of turf that have weak, underdeveloped roots.
- Lawns that are scalped too low, thus losing the insulating value of the dormant thatch layer.
- Places where deep trenches are edged along curbs and driveways exposing the roots to the cold air.



Winter kill will not be noticeable until April or May when the lawn normally greens up. If some injury does occur in your lawn, the surviving areas of turf will spread back into the dead spots over time. However, if your lawn is slow growing Zoysia or the dead areas are rather large, you may consider re-sodding the damaged sections so you won't have to wait years for total lawn recovery. The most important thing is to maintain a fertilization program

along with mowing and watering, when needed, to promote healthy turf.

Your landscape plants are also vulnerable with dieback occurring from the top down. In some cases, the plants can be completely killed as some species are more cold-sensitive than others. Some of these sensitive plants are Gardenias, Aucubas, Hydrangeas, Hosta, Pittosporum and Lantanas. Wind exposure in open areas and low areas with standing or moving water will be problematic. Damage is typically a browning or blackening of the upper or exposed parts of the shrub. New growth will come back at the point above the ground where the plant is still healthy. However, this healthy point may be significantly

lower, thus reducing the plant's aesthetic value and necessitate plant replacement to prevent a long period of regeneration.

One thing for sure is that we will never know what weather patterns we will experience next as we bounce around between temperature extremes and rainfall fluctuations. In any case, we need to wait and see the extent of injury and then work towards fixing these issues. Here at King Green, we are ready to offer advice and provide products to aid in the recovery for damages that incur from the bad weather.

About This Service

We applied the spring (Round 2) application to your lawn. Cool-season (Fescue) lawns received a balanced fertilizer, broadleaf weed control, and a pre-emergent herbicide for the control of annual grasses. This application will enhance the color of your lawn and aid in controlling weeds (which may be present at this time). Crabgrass and other annual grasses will be controlled by the pre-emergent herbicide.

Warm-season grasses (Zoysia and Bermuda) received a balanced fertilizer, broadleaf weed control, and a pre-emergent herbicide. Weeds that may be present should begin to curl and fade in the next two to three weeks. The pre-emergent herbicide will help to prevent annual grasses from germinating.

DID YOU RECEIVE A TREE AND SHRUB APPLICATION TODAY?

The tree and shrub application today consisted of insecticide to control any young insects that might be hatching and a miticide to control mites on junipers and other shrubs. You may have noticed that we don't always spray every plant each time.

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Pull Apart Pizza

Recipe submitted by Amy Goetze of Woodstock, GA

Preparation time is 60 min.

FOR THE PIZZA PORTION:

- 1 can or jar of your favorite pizza sauce
- 2 cans (7.5 oz) Pillsbury buttermilk biscuits
- 10 oz mozzarella cheese

- 1 - Preheat oven to 350°
- 2 - Take your first can of biscuits and cut each biscuit into four pieces. Layer on bottom of bunt pan.
- 3 - Brush some pizza sauce over biscuit layer, enough to coat but not soak it.
- 4 - Sprinkle ingredients of choice for your next layers.
- 5 - Sprinkle mozzarella cheese on top enough to cover. **Repeat step 2-5.**

Bake in oven for 40 minutes or until cheese starts to get golden brown and biscuits are cooked through.

Remove from oven and let cool for 5 minutes. Then turn out onto a serving plate.

Fill a small bowl with leftover pizza sauce (one that will fit inside the hole).

Place bowl inside the hole in center of pizza. Serve hot for dinner or great for parties as an appetizer!

FOR THE TOPPINGS:

- black olives, sliced, drained
- pepperoni slices, quartered
- onion, diced
- cherry tomatoes, sliced thin
- Or any toppings you desire



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1. Who is the guest writer for this issue's Turf Talk?

- a. Lenny Reichman b. Kenny Reichman c. Kathy Reichman

2. When will the damage of "winter kill" be noticeable?

- a. April or May b. May or June c. June or July

3. What pest did we talk about that picks up activity during the spring?

- a. ants b. termites c. ladybugs

Send your answers to our main office at:

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