

BUCHANAN'S

NATIVE PLANTS

Organic Fall Lawn Care

SOD WEBWORM: From all the rain we received this year Sod Webworms have become a HUGE problem. If you are noticing small white/beige moths in your lawn and landscape OR have bare, patchy areas in your lawn it is more than likely that you have Sod Webworms. To treat these pests you will want to spray an insecticide *every 5-7 days with B.T.* (Bacillus Thuringiensis).

TOP DRESSING: Top dressing your lawn with a *1/4"- 1/2" layer of compost* will add microbial activity back into the ground and loosen the soil to help encourage the grass to fill in, *especially recommended if Sod Webworms have hurt your lawn.* We recommend using Happy Frog Soil Conditioner or Nature's Way Fungal Compost.

FERTILIZATION: Using a fertilizer will help strengthen and fill in your lawn before winter. We are recommend using *Micro Life Brown Patch.* This organic fertilizer will not only feed your lawn, but help prevent any diseases that occur in cooler temperatures.

RYE GRASS: For those who are wanting to quickly fill in the bare spots in your lawn you may consider over seeding with Annual Rye. Broadcast *10 lbs of Rye seed for every 1000 Sq Ft.* Remember, do not put down any pre-emergence when putting down Rye, wait until it starts to germinate.

FUNGUS?: DO NOT try to fertilize or water away the problem. Brown Patch loves fertilizer and water. Make sure you only water when the top couple inches of soil are dry. To treat Brown Patch you can use either *Serenade* (Liquid) or *MicroGro* (Granule).

WEEDS?: If you have problems with weeds, keep them well mowed. A healthy, organic lawn will choke out weeds. Apply *spreadable corn gluten*, or liquid, in early November as a pre-emergent herbicide, this will help keep seeds from germinating.