

# BUCHANAN'S

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## NATIVE PLANTS

### Organic Fall Lawn Care

**BUGS:** In late summer/early fall lawn pests may be an issue. A lot of people have issues with grubs, chinch bugs, and other common pests. To keep the lawn bug free you can spread ***EcoSmart Insect Killing granules***. This will not only kill but repel insects for up to two months and covers 5,000 square feet.

**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 the summer heat 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. This can be applied around the end of September.

**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. Wait for day time temperatures to be no higher than 85 degrees before seeding Rye.

**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.