

## ADDITIONAL LAWN CARE PRESENTATION DETAIL

The following select resources are provided as an accompaniment to the September 13, 2021, presentation, “Environmentally Responsible Lawn Care” for the Great Falls Citizens Association. Information sources include unbiased, research- based content from a number of universities, various county Cooperative Extension offices, Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association, and noteworthy news articles. Also included is access to an interactive map from the Fairfax County Government Land Development.

### **Fall Fertilization Strategies for Lawns**

[https://ext.vt.edu/lawn-garden/turfandgardentips/tips/fall\\_fertilization\\_2008.html](https://ext.vt.edu/lawn-garden/turfandgardentips/tips/fall_fertilization_2008.html)

### **Fall Lawn Care**

<https://vtechworks.lib.vt.edu/bitstream/handle/10919/75463/430-520.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y>

### **Best Management Practices for Crabgrass Control in Spring**

<https://ext.vt.edu/lawn-garden/turfandgardentips/tips/bmp-spring-crabgrass-control.html>

### **Summer Lawn Management – Watering the Lawn**

<https://vtechworks.lib.vt.edu/bitstream/handle/10919/75459/430-010.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y>

### **Pest Monitoring Calendar for Home Lawns in Virginia**

[https://vtechworks.lib.vt.edu/bitstream/handle/10919/48269/430-524\\_pdf.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y](https://vtechworks.lib.vt.edu/bitstream/handle/10919/48269/430-524_pdf.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y)

### **Cool Season Lawn Calendar – (from York County VCE Office)**

[https://york.ext.vt.edu/content/dam/york\\_ext\\_vt\\_edu/files/Cool%20Season%20Calendar%202020%20Update.pdf](https://york.ext.vt.edu/content/dam/york_ext_vt_edu/files/Cool%20Season%20Calendar%202020%20Update.pdf)

### **Warm Season Lawn Calendar – (from York County VCE office)**

[https://york.ext.vt.edu/content/dam/york\\_ext\\_vt\\_edu/files/Warm%20Season%20Calendar%202020%20Update.pdf](https://york.ext.vt.edu/content/dam/york_ext_vt_edu/files/Warm%20Season%20Calendar%202020%20Update.pdf)

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## **LAWN VIDEO PRESENTATIONS COURTESY OF FCMGA “LUNCH & LAWN”**

Produced under the auspices of the Fairfax County Virginia Cooperative Extension, the following several lawn-interest videos are from the Fairfax County Master Gardener Association as part of the “Lunch n’ Lawn program.

### **Lawn Care Calendar – VCE YouTube Fall 20 - 1**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SkXFgh9hpSk&list=PLzBdBgskem3TExh5cf28zyzQj75EYMFCh&index=7>

### **Testing Soi Yourself – Fairfax VCE YouTube Fall 20 - 2**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rj9vZdsyKg8&list=PLzBdBgskem3TExh5cf28zyzQj75EYMFCh&index=6>

### **Selecting Turfgrass for the Mid-Atlantic. VCE YouTube Fall 20 - 3**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8TSAFV8drAI&list=PLzBdBgskem3TExh5cf28zyzQj75EYMFCh&index=5>

### **Applying Lawn Fertilizers – Fairfax VCE YouTube Fall 20 -5**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bNhRzUthxs4&list=PLzBdBgskem3TExh5cf28zyzQj75EYMFCh&index=3>

### **Maintaining Lawn Equipment – Fairfax VCE YouTube Fall 20 - 4**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0hJaxFugwc8&list=PLzBdBgskem3TExh5cf28zyzQj75EYMFCh&index=9>

### **Pest Control Strategies for Turf – Fairfax VCE YouTube Spring 21 - 1**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JJHKud2YqAw&list=PLzBdBgskem3TExh5cf28zyzQj75EYMFCh&index=10>

### **Wet Yards and How to Get Rid of Them – Fairfax VCE YouTube Spring 21**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rvlhV892Q0>

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## CHOOSING A LAWN SERVICE COMPANY

Virginia Tech, **Selecting a Lawn Service Company**, Mike Goatley, Extension Turfgrass Specialist, Virginia Tech; Derik Cataldi, Urban Nutrient Management Specialist, Department of Conservation and Recreation, (paper & podcast)

<https://ext.vt.edu/lawn-garden/turfandgardentips/tips/selecting-lawn-service.html>

NC State Extension – **Selecting a Lawn Maintenance Service**

<https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/selecting-a-lawn-maintenance-service>

Michigan State University Pesticide Extension Program Extension Bulletin E-2771 #3 **Choosing a Lawn Care Company (trifold)**

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/ipm/uploads/files/ChoosingLawnCare.pdf>

University of Nebraska Extension G1617 – **Index lawn & Garden, Selecting a Professional Lawn and Landscape Maintenance Company**

<https://extensionpublications.unl.edu/assets/pdf/g1617.pdf>

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## RESOURCE PROTECTION AREAS

To determine whether all or a portion of your property is located in Resource Protection Area consult mapping program located at the URL and QRC codes below. For more information contact the Fairfax County Land Development Office at 703-324-1780.

**Fairfax County Mapping for Resource Protection Areas**

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/landdevelopment/faqs-resource-protection-areas>



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## SMART DECISION STRATEGIES REGARDING TURF

***Lawn Care: The Easiest Steps to an Attractive Environmental Asset***, Cornell University, College of Agriculture & Life Sciences

<https://turf.cals.cornell.edu/lawn/lawn-care-the-easiest-steps-to-an-attractive-environmental-asset/>

***Lawn Maintenance & Climate Change***, Princeton University, Jiahn Son, May 12, 2020

<https://psi.princeton.edu/tips/2020/5/11/law-maintenance-and-climate-change>

***“Looking for a More Resilient and Less Needy Lawn? Try Zoysia or Bermuda Grasses.”*** Adrian Higgins, Home and Garden Editor, Washington Post, Aug 11, 2021.

Article addresses how previously not-so-reliable warm season grasses such as Zoysia and Bermudagrass may very well have greater appeal in light of trends toward hotter summers and milder winters.

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/home/lawn-care-zoysia-bermuda-grass/2021/08/10/bc72c6fa-f3ab-11eb-9738-8395ec2a44e7\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/home/lawn-care-zoysia-bermuda-grass/2021/08/10/bc72c6fa-f3ab-11eb-9738-8395ec2a44e7_story.html)

## **FCMGA HELP DESK – YEAR\_ROUND HELP FOR YOUR GARDENING PROBLEMS**

Volunteers from Fairfax County Master Gardeners and Green Spring Master Gardeners staff the year-round horticulture help desk to answer gardening questions and help solve gardening problems.

During the growing season (April through October) we are on duty five mornings a week, Monday through Friday, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. From November through March, the desk is staffed Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30-12:30.

Contact us anytime by voice mail at (703) 324-8556 or by e-mail at [mgfairfax@vt.edu](mailto:mgfairfax@vt.edu). Please clearly explain your question or problem, and we will conduct any needed research before getting back to you. During our duty hours (listed above), the VCE Office on the 10th floor of the Pennino Building in the Fairfax County Government Center has a limited staff during the COVID-19 virus emergency. Contact us at the Virginia Cooperative Extension. Horticultural Help Desk.

Phone: 703-324-8556

Email: [mgfairfax@vt.edu](mailto:mgfairfax@vt.edu)

In light of continuing updates in guidance to the public on the COVID-19 virus and a small volunteer pool, advice and answers to questions may require more time than usual. Master Gardeners will attempt to monitor and respond to phone and email messages. Expect longer response times.

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Garden Questions answered at