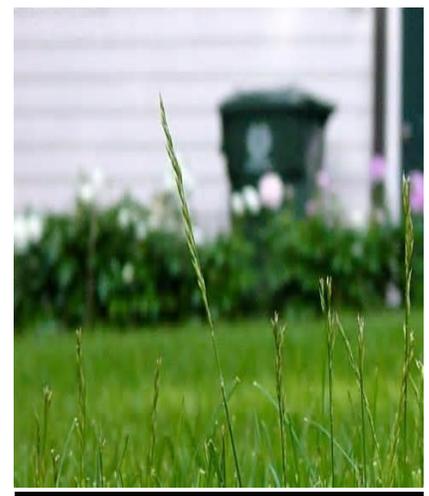
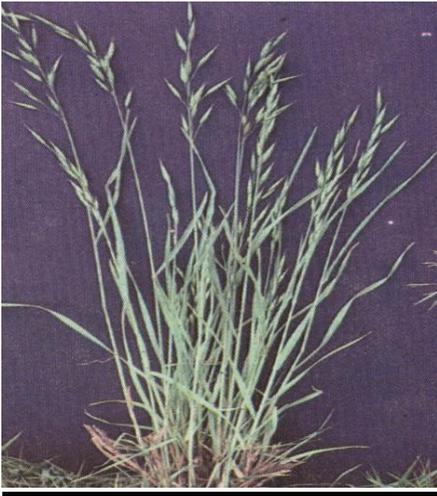


Turf Grass Seed Head Production *Information Sheet*



Like all plants, turf grass tries to reproduce itself. **This natural process starts in April, for most grass species, and lasts through early June.** The seed heads produced by grass plants are often described in many different ways. Fields of wheat or weeds with flowery like tops are very common descriptions. Homeowners often refer to the seed heads as weeds. It is the most common question or concern we receive in the spring. This is the natural reproduction process the grass goes through. When dandelions go through their cycle, they produce a yellow flower and when mature it turns into a puffball of seeds.

Whenever a plant reproduces itself, all of its energy is put into the production of the seed. In the grass plants case this energy depletes the nutrients or fertilizer rapidly in the plant. This is why the lawn will appear off color for several weeks. Since the seed head is on top of a fibrous stem it also makes it difficult to achieve a clean cut when mowing. The lawn often looks tattered, torn or frayed after mowing at this time of the year.

The entire process lasts several mowings and then the seed heads disappear until next year. Unfortunately, the seeds never mature enough to reproduce new grass due to the mowing process.

Again, this is only **Mother Nature** taking its course and **we'll see it every year.**

Interesting Lawn Facts:

All lawns consist of many different species of grass. **The most common scenario is to have seven to ten grass types in any given lawn.** Surprisingly, even bluegrass sod lawns will consist of other desirable grass species and some contaminants or undesirable species.

The most common desirable deep-rooted grass are bluegrass, ryegrass, tall fescue and fine (or creeping) fescues. These four species of grass can be found in almost every homeowner's lawn, regardless of its environment. Most seed blends purchased will include several of these grass types. All of these, except the fine fescues, will do well in a full sun environment. Fine fescues are best planted in shade areas of lawns. This is due to their intolerance of high temperatures.

As always, we greatly appreciate your continued business. Feel free to contact the office should you have any questions or concerns.

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