

# SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2015

Hello! It's been about 3 months since we sent our spring newsletter out and ever since it's been a mixed bag of weather hasn't it?! We've not been able to keep up with it, wet and cold then cold and dry then warm and wet (for about 30 seconds!) We're hoping because of the generally cold spring that we'll be in for a scorcher of a summer!

Due to the cold weather, lawns that have had renovations haven't recovered as quickly as we'd have liked but don't fear, they will recover fully! If you have any concerns then please feel free to give us a call, as always!

You might have also noticed that your lawn isn't growing as fast as usual this spring so please be aware when mowing not to cut too often or too much off—always stick to the 1/3 rule! Anyway, there are more tips on mowing etc. Further in the newsletter so don't worry if you're wondering what you should be doing to care for your lawn, we've got your back.

## SUMMER TREATMENT

Whether you had your spring applied in March or May, your summer treatment will be applied before the end of August. As always we adapt our product content of the treatment to suit the weather conditions. Your summer treatment will consist of an application of liquid herbicide (to kill those pesky weeds off) and fertiliser containing various nutrients including phosphorous and potassium to feed the grass and encourage vitally important root development for optimum growth. Your lawn will grow rapidly in summer if properly maintained.

## SUMMER LAWN CARE TIPS

Maintaining your lawn through summer is the most important job and below are a few tips to help you do so:

- \* Water your lawn regularly in either the early morning or late evening time. If we have a 2 week period without rain then you should immediately heavily water lawn and then continue to do so once a week until wetter weather begins again.
- \* The frequency and height of your mow depends on the weather conditions too:

**June** – If temps are mild and not too dry or wet then start lowering the cut on your mower to around 1.5 inches and you should aim to give it a trim every week.

**July & August** – If the weather isn't too hot or dry then follow the above instructions for May & June. However if too hot - you should raise the mowing height and mow every 2 weeks. This makes the lawn more drought tolerable. If just dry – keep the height but mow less regularly.

**September** – You can follow the instructions for June but make sure you mow on a dry day.

- \* If your lawn will be regularly used in the summer then we recommend a solid tine aeration to be carried out. It'll improve the oxygen flow through the soil and increase surface drainage which will help to avoid diseases building up and keep your lawn healthy through high stress periods. Solid tine aeration (spiking) doesn't need recovery time either so your lawn's health will be instantly boosted.
- \* Like always, remove grass/flower/tree/plant clippings from your lawn immediately to avoid build up of thatch and bare patches.
- \* Finally, keep a look out for any changes in your lawn including, colour, patches appearing, moisture not absorbing or a difference in how it feels to walk upon it. Call us if you have any concerns at all!

## A LITTLE NOTE...

It may seem a little premature to be mentioning renovations already but we got booked up so quickly in the spring again and we always have much more demand in autumn so please book your renovations early to avoid any disappointment!

## PESTS AND DISEASES

All year round those pesky pests and deadly diseases like to take advantage of soil and weather conditions and creep up on your lawn when its least expecting it. With summer giving a mixture of encouraging conditions for these pests and diseases; especially lawns which suffer from moss, thatch and compaction n, you might find your lawn suffering from one of the below:

Pest/ Disease	Signs	Appearance	Pest/ Disease	Signs	Appearance
Ants	Mounds appearing on your lawn.		Fairy Ring	Ring shaped discolouring in your lawn.	
Adult Crane Fly (Daddy Long Legs)	Adult crane fly can be seen from late July to September. If you see a lot then be prepared for possible problems in the following year.		Toadstools	On occasions a crop of toadstools will grow due to an excessive thatch layer. Yet other times you will see them forming a 'fairy ring' which indicates quite a serious soil condition.	
Chafer Beetle	Adult beetles can be seen around May & June. If you see a lot then be prepared for possible problems later in the year.		Red Thread	The grass leaf dies giving the lawn a blotchy appearance. The blotches will have a pink colouration and on closer inspection you will see pink threads or needles.	
Dry Patch	Discoloured areas of grass appearing.		Rust	The disease is generally noticed as a yellowing of the grass leaves and on closer inspection you will see an orange powdery speckling on the leaf surface which easily comes off on to your fingers.	

## NEWS NEWS

- \* WE FINALLY HAVE A NEW WEBSITE! IT'S ALL NEW AND SHINY. Check it out at [www.penninelawncare.co.uk](http://www.penninelawncare.co.uk). We also have a blog with useful hints and tips!
- \* We've had so many customers join us through word of mouth and we just want to thank you so much for spreading the word and recommending our services. We really do appreciate it!
- \* Charlie will be on holiday from the 2nd until the 14th of July so the office will be closed., emails will be answered on her return.  
If you'd like contact Richard then please do so on 07432114147. Please leave a message if he's busy, he'll always get back to you! Thank you!

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!**