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THE TIME IS RIGHT TO REPAIR YOUR TURF

With summer behind us in most areas, it's time to focus on recovery and repair of turfgrass as we head into fall – an ideal time to seed. Below is an update from our friend, Kurt Hockemeyer, at University of Wisconsin's Turfgrass Diagnostic Lab, along with insight from Dr. Leah Brilman, DLF Pickseed US / Seed Research of Oregon.



From Turfgrass Diagnostic Lab:

The cool weather is naturally shutting down pathogens and plants are under less stress and starting to recover from summer. [...] As the environment shifts to favor plants over pathogens, efforts usually focus on recovery, in whatever form is necessary... Seeding and sodding to fill in voids. Aerification to encourage root growth and remove thatch. Fall fertilization. These are all important.

Dr. Leah Brilman adds: *"This is the perfect time to evaluate your lawn for disease. Planting a superior lawn blend with cultivars resistant to prevalent diseases will decrease problems in the future."*

Growing lush, green turf with the "wrong" seed is like growing an apple tree from pumpkin seed – no amount of effort will give you the desired result. At Earth Carpet® we've taken a revolutionary approach and spent years cultivating the right seeds for the right conditions.



More From Turfgrass Diagnostic Lab: “In home lawns, most diseases I was seeing a month ago are no longer active. We are [now] in the prime time for seeding lawns. Aerification this fall can help to alleviate soil compaction, remove thatch, and encourage root growth that can be helpful next year when stressful conditions arrive. With recent rains [across Wisconsin and other parts of the Midwest] and more rain in the forecast, that should help many turf areas recover from the stresses of summer.”

Adds Dr. Leah: “Turf seed mixes with superior cultivars seeded now will give you less problems next year. Aerification can help with repair and root compaction. This helps create holes that are perfect for introducing new genetics into your turf stand.

Granite, SR 2100, Fielder and SR 2150 rate excellent for summer patch resistance, even in traffic trials, which is one of the consistent problems for turf samples received. Improved perennial ryegrass, tall fescue and red fescues, including chewings and strong creeping red fescue, have shown better resistance to this disease and can be interseeded into your turf to help with control.

If you have weak grasses like *Poa trivialis* and creeping bentgrass present, you can remove them with non-selective herbicides, by hand, or use selective herbicides such as Tenacity. In any case, choose an excellent seed mix with high quality cultivars to replace the dead areas and improve your landscape.”



Weaker grasses start to become more apparent in late summer as they start to brown out.



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