

MONTHLY PHIX NEWSLETTER



ABOUT LAWN PHIX

My name is Mark Marino, and I am the founder, owner, and operator of Lawn Phix. Today, my expertise, backed by formal courses at UMass Extension Pesticide Education, allows me to offer top-tier turf nutrition services and advice. I am a fully licensed and insured lawn care applicator in Bellingham, MA, specializing in comprehensive turf nutrition, weed control, and lawn pest control. My license number is AL-0053865.

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THINGS TO WATCH OUT FOR: SNOW MOLD

What is Snow Mold?

Snow mold is a common cool-season lawn disease that loves cold weather. It appears after a winter of heavy snow and prolonged cover. Moisture, compaction, and poor air circulation in our cool-season lawns create the perfect conditions for snow mold.



Spotting Snow Mold:

- Look for straw-colored, matted-down turf with grass blades melded together.
- Gray snow mold appears in circular patches, while pink snow mold may affect golf courses, penetrating the crown and roots.



Treatment Tips:

- **Air Circulation is Key:**
 - Lightly rake affected areas after the snow melts and the turf dries.
 - Wait for the ground to thaw and dry before raking to avoid damage.
 - Use a light rake, not a thatch or metal gardening rake, to gently fluff the grass for better air circulation.
- **Fungicide for Active Cases:**
 - If you see cobwebs (mycelium), the disease is still active.
 - Consider a fungicide application to halt snow mold growth.
- **Warmth Brings Recovery:**
 - Most grass will recover as temperatures rise in early spring.
 - Extreme cases may require lawn repairs like seeding and patching dead areas.

Remember, a little care now goes a long way in ensuring a lush lawn when warmer days arrive. If you have questions or need assistance, feel free to reach out!

For more information: <https://lawnphix.com/lawn-care/snow-mold/>

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TURF NUTRITION PROGRAMS

I am excited to carry and offer even more organic-based products with my new vendor this year. I have crafted and tested an even better hybrid-organic plan for 2024.

Our products and plan will always include the following:

- Fertilizer
- Grub control
- Nutrition
- Micronutrients
- Soil analysis
- Soil amendments
- Weed control

I am also offering additional – recommended – applications throughout the year. I will notify you with timely emails when we suggest these applications:

- Flea & tick
- Fungicides
- Humic/Lime
- Surface insects



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PRODUCT SPOTLIGHT – YUCCA

What is Yucca?

Yucca extract, derived from the plant, is rich in nutrients and excels in water conservation. This versatile plant contains steroidal saponins, antioxidants, and stress-alleviating compounds used in modern medicine – and is used in every round of our liquid nutrition program.



Benefits of Applying Yucca Extract to Your Lawn:

- **Improve Absorption of Water and Nutrients:**
 - Acts as a natural wetting agent, enhancing water and nutrient distribution.
 - Ideal for improving water penetration in your lawn.
- **Improve Cell Wall Permeability:**
 - Saponins in yucca extract enhance liquid dispersal and grass plant cell wall permeability.
- **Reduce Stress:**
 - Enhances distress tolerance, protecting your grass from everyday stressors like disease, pests, heat, and drought.
- **Protection from Disease Pathogens:**
 - Boosts grass health, aiding in the fight against disease pathogens.
- **Stimulate Plant Growth and Development:**
 - Biostimulant properties promote the growth and development of various plants, including grass.
- **Reduce Soil Compaction:**
 - Helps break up compacted soil, improving root access to water and nutrients.
 - Ideal for foliar applications to enhance root drench and plant feeding.

Thank you,



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