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UM Turf Specialist Says:

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August through September is NOT the recommended period for crabgrass control.

Killing crabgrass after it has germinated generally is ineffective and not recommended. Crabgrass control chemicals should be applied to the lawn before Memorial Day in the spring.

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Fertilizing Lawn

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University turf specialist Donald Steinegger says generally you shouldn't fertilize the home lawn during the warm, dry summer months. But the latter part of the growing season--with its ideal growing conditions for turf--is favorable for fertilization.

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Power Raking

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If your lawn has an excessive thatch layer--greater than a half inch--you should power rake between now and September 15th.

Rake off the material brought to the surface and then measure the thatch layer that remains. This can be done by cutting a pie-shaped layer and measuring the layer between the green surface and soil surface. Maintain a quarter-inch thatch layer.

After you have power raked, coring the lawn will aid in controlling future thatch buildup.

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