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ACTIVITY CHECKLIST

JUNE

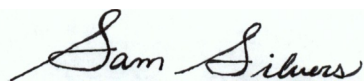
If you have not fertilized your lawn this year now is a good time to do so. If you did fertilize this past spring, additional applications at this time are usually not needed unless the grass needs a boost to recover from heavy foot traffic. In fact, centipede, more common in East Texas, is best not fertilized much through the summer months.

When you mow regularly and return the clippings to the turf they decompose quite rapidly, releasing their nutrients to the growing turf. Nature's own will designed recycling system! Keep the mower blade sharp to reduce the strain on the engine and more importantly to provide a clean cut which results in a better overall appearance to the turf. As a rule of thumb, remove 1/3 of the leaf blade with each mowing.

The first generation of chinch bugs will be appearing in St. Augustine lawns about now. This early hatching is usually not large and seldom warrants treatment. It is the second generation in late summer that is the really damaging one.

Those June bugs, which should be called "May bugs" in Texas, lay eggs that hatch into grubs. Treatments for these pests are seldom necessary. However if you have a lawn plagued by grubs don't apply treatments too early.

By early July the majority of the eggs will have hatched and the young grubs will still be near the soil surface where they can be effectively controlled. It takes a population of about 7 grubs per square foot of a lawn area to warrant control. All lawns have a few grubs. Few have enough to warrant control treatments.



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