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### BEST TURF PRACTICES

The last two years of extremely wet weather have really done a number on many lawns; hopefully, 2020 will give you perfect vision as to what you want to accomplish with your lawn. Hohl's Farm Supply is here to help you through all of your turf needs, from seed to fertilizer & weed control. Meanwhile keep these 10 key turf management practices in mind.

1. **Start with quality grass seed.** *Hohls Athletic Mix* for all soil types, sun and shade; very durable, versatile and economical; *Hohls Park Mix* for full Sun; *Hohls Contractor Mix* for great value, quick green for sun or shade; *EC Shady Place* for lush lawn in full shade and *EC Care Free*, a low mow mixture of fescues for out of the way areas with little traffic.
2. **Use Delco 20-12-8.** This seed starter fertilizer is formulated to give your seed the best start possible, without having a soil test done.
3. **Use Eco Flake Shavings to cover the grass seed.** Straw may be used as well; however, the shavings offer the added benefit of breaking down within approximately 45 days, giving you an attractive lawn, even the first year. Additionally, these pine shaving are kiln dried, so there is no sap and they contain natural insecticidal properties.
4. **Use fertilizer with weed control to manage established lawns.** Follow our 4 step program - Stop in to get your Free 4 Step fertilizer guide.
5. **Start fertilizing after the frost is out of the ground.** Never apply fertilizer to frozen ground with established grass. General rule of application is around Easter. Use *Award w/Dimension* to feed and prevent crabgrass.
6. **Defend your lawn from Weeds.** In late Spring, typically around Memorial Day. Use the Award product based on your weed ridding needs. *Award w/Trimec* for broadleaf weeds, such as dandelions; *Award w/Q3* for post emergent crabgrass control and broadleaf weeds; *Award w/Viper* to control tough creeping weeds, such as Creeping Charlie or Jenny.
7. **Take care of the Grubs before they turn into beetles.** In the spring, approximately after your 1<sup>st</sup> lawn mowing, apply *Award w/ Merit Grub Control*. This may be applied with your Award Weed & Feed products. A second application is recommended in late August to kill the grubs that are just hatching from the beetles that laid their eggs in early July (beetle mating season is late June to early July).
8. **Feed your lawn.** A healthy lawn requires food; for optimal results use *Delco Turf Food* (24-0-10). This is typically applied around the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, before the extreme heat hits and again to winterize between Labor Day and Halloween.
9. **Mow regularly.** This will help keep any weeds that survived, from going to seed and spreading.
10. **Lime Annually.** *SuperCal 98G Pelletized Lime* neutralizes more acidity and raises soil pH higher than typical ag limes. The change in pH with 98G will be longer lasting compared to less reactive liming materials while ensuring more even distribution on soil.



## ONE DAY ONLY SALE



St. Patrick's Day, March 17<sup>th</sup> - Take 25¢ Off per pound of clover seed; 12 lbs. or less.

**2020 Chick Order Forms are available at Hohl's Farm Supply & [www.hohlsfarmsupply.net](http://www.hohlsfarmsupply.net), under the Products tab.**

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# Food Plot 101: Frost Seeding Legumes

Excerpts from: [CORNERPOST 01-2017 Value of Frost Seeding Legumes](#)



From March to early April, frost seeding legumes into pastures and hay fields makes a ton of sense (and cents). This method doesn't disturb existing sod and typically, access to frost seeded areas for grazing livestock is much faster than with conventionally tilled fields. It's also an economical method to introduce legumes with reduced labor and equipment cost. Tips include:

Make sure frost seeding is done before frost leaves the soil structure. The basic principle is that alternate freezing/thawing action of soil in late winter/early spring, along with spring rains, incorporates the spread of the legume seed. Typically, 2-3 cycles of freezing/thawing are desired for best incorporation.

To prepare for seeding, ideally the pasture would be grazed or clipped closely the previous fall to reduce the amount of thatch present.

Soil tests should indicate proper phosphorus and pH levels (6.2) for legumes.

Red clover is most commonly used due to excellent seedling vigor, but white clover and alfalfa can also work. Alfalfa should **not** be used if the existing pasture contains alfalfa due to auto-toxicity. You may; however, frost seed clover into existing alfalfa.



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