

## Creeping Bent grass really shows it's ugly side this time of year.

Oh bent grass How you torment us. You give us off-color green patches in the spring, then straw colored patches when the summer heat hits, and then comes the coup de grâce. When the cold weather arrives we are left with an ugly wet mess of yellow and brown.

## What to do when it's time to renovate your lawn

**The following protocol has stood the test of time and delivered the best results.**

It does take more time and is more expensive but the end result is well worth it.

**We recommend the following steps of action:**

- **Spray existing grass and weeds.**

Apply glyphosate at high rate to actively growing lawn according to the label.

This step must be taken or old weed grasses may recover and spoil your new lawn!

Wolbert's can do this step.

Wait 7-10 days, the lawn will turn yellow or brown.

Reapply glyphosate on skipped (green) areas as needed.

- **Strip the old sod off to a depth of 2"** with a sod cutter and haul away.
- **Rototill the surface to a depth of 4-8"** to incorporate any remaining grass and roots into the soil.
- **Have a pH test done** on the soil and apply lime as needed.

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- **If soil is imported, till 2" into the existing soil** to break the interface between the soil types. This will help with percolation of water and fertilizer into the soil profile.
- **Add any additional imported soil to the surface and prepare the grade.**

The grade should be compacted with a lawn roller so that footprints are no deeper than 1/2".

**Now here's the hardest part, wait 2-4 weeks for any re-emerging grasses to grow and apply a second and final glyphosate spray.**

Hardly anyone ever wants to consider this step, but it is critical to the long term preservation of the desirable grasses. If any step is skipped the chance for invasion of weed grasses goes up.



bent grass cold weather look

The picture below was taken 30 days after all the steps of a major lawn renovation from native weed grasses to new Country Green sod.



bent grass regrowth 30 days after first glyphosate tmt

- **Install seed or sod and follow initial watering instructions.**
- **Adjust the irrigation schedule** as needed as the lawn matures.

Wolbert's has watering recommendations for continued good performance.

Pre-emergence herbicides should be applied periodically to minimize the risk of weed grass seeds germinating in the future.

Wolbert's offers these treatments as well as annual bio-fertilizer programs to provide correct nutrients, biological, and pest management needs.

Any equipment used that has been used on a site before yours, should be washed clean of any grass parts and clippings before they are used on your new lawn. There are contractors in this area that know this protocol and will follow if it.

A short consultation visit would be wise if the above protocol is to be followed.

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