

# HORIZON NEWS

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## What's new on the Horizon!

Another Spring is quickly approaching. I know some of you are ready to get started because as the temperatures have started rising, our phones have started ringing. **We do very much appreciate your enthusiasm for the upcoming year, and we want you to know that we are preparing our equipment and people to provide you with the best service and products available.**

The last two years we have been experimenting with a chemical primarily for cheat grass, sandburs and crabgrass. We have been told it will last for two to three years. The downfall is that it will kill Kentucky Bluegrass, so we will only use this in ditches or areas of buffalo grass infested with primarily sandburs.

Another chemical we stumbled upon last year is a post-emergent for crabgrass in lawns. We weren't able to use this chemical until late last year, but we are really excited for the results that we achieved on some test yards. Each technician will carry this new crabgrass chemical in a backpack to spot treat areas along sidewalks and areas infested with crabgrass that sometimes appear throughout the summer. Crabgrass (and weeds in general) along sidewalks are often an indication that the outside perimeter is needing more water to insure that the grass stays thick and healthy to the edges. The very best weed control is a thick, healthy lawn. We put on the fertilizer, iron and herbicides to help accomplish that goal, but a consistent, full coverage watering schedule is a crucial part of the equation.

This season you will see most of the same Green Horizon's crew as last year along with a few new faces. We are very excited with the new employees that we have added, and we look forward to them helping us with production, timing and efficiency. **It is, and has always been, our goal to provide you with quality, honest, professional service.**

To maintain our service to you, we will have a slight increase in our prices this season. This will amount to an additional \$5 on a 5,000 sq. ft. application. This is not a huge raise, but we anticipate it will cover the increase we are experiencing on our end. Green Horizons is pleased to offer prepay discounts and fixed monthly contracts to help our customers with paying for services. If you have any questions about these price changes or offers, please call.

Stay safe, keep warm until Spring, and enjoy your friends and family. We want you to know that we are truly grateful to partner with you in making eastern Colorado a more beautiful place to live. **We look forward to seeing you soon, and THANK YOU for your continued trust in Green Horizons!**

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Simply  
& Sincerely,  
**THANK  
YOU!**

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**GARDENING TIPS: VEGETABLE PLANTING COMPANIONS**

*Did you know that plants can help each other grow? Use this list of plants that grow well together (and those that don't) to help maximize your garden's output!*

	<b>BEANS</b>	<b>PLANT FRIENDS</b>	<b>PLANT FOES</b>
		Broccoli, carrots, corn, cucumbers, peas, strawberries, chard, eggplant	Onions, garlic, beets
	<b>CARROTS</b>	Peas, lettuce, onions, sage, tomatoes, radishes, beans, chives, peppers	Dill
	<b>CUCUMBERS</b>	Beans, peas, radishes, corn, dill, lettuce, tomatoes	Sage
	<b>LETTUCE</b>	Carrots, radishes, strawberries, onions, cucumbers, beans, garlic, tomatoes	Parsley
	<b>ONIONS</b>	Beets, carrots, onions, tomatoes	Asparagus, peas, beans
	<b>PEPPERS</b>	Basil, carrots, onions, tomatoes	Beans
	<b>POTATOES</b>	Beans, horseradish, corn, peas	Tomatoes
	<b>TOMATOES</b>	Onions, asparagus, carrots, parsley, cucumbers, peppers, lettuce, spinach	Potatoes, corn, dill



**TACKLE WEEDS WITH TEAMWORK**

The solutions to keeping weeds under control in your lawn is to carefully combine good cultural practices, proper fertility, and when needed herbicide applications.

**PRACTICES THAT CONTROL WEEDS**

Most weeds love sun and heat. Keep the soil shaded and reduce weeds germination with three easy steps: Mow higher, consistently water enough to keep the turf healthy and growing, and aerate the soil regularly to encourage healthy grass roots and a thicker lawn. These are all good cultural practices and are the first step to controlling weeds.

**FERTILIZER HELPS CONTROL WEEDS**

Besides giving lawns an attractive color, fertilizer gives weeds the kind of competition they don't like. Regular applications of fertilizer work to constantly build up the lawn, make it thicker, and expand its root system. Any lawn that is kept thick has fewer weeds, and therefore herbicides are not needed as much.

**HERBICIDES WHEN NEEDED**

Even with good cultural practices and fertilizer programs, some weeds are bound to appear, and that's when treatment is needed. The third step in this system is treatment with the right herbicide. In most lawns, a combination of herbicides works best. Pre-emergent is applied to keep weeds from sprouting and a post-emergent is used to control those weeds that do get through.

**Teamwork is essential when controlling weeds in your lawn, and GREEN HORIZONS is proud to be on your team to provide you with a thick, dark green, weed-free lawn!**



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