

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FROM SPRING 2008 WEBINAR

Question	Answer
When is the best time to apply a systemic insect control such as Bayer Advanced Tree & Shrub Insect control?	SYSTEMICS SHOULD BE APPLIED NOW IN THE EARLY SPRING
I have a 70ft bank along the south side of my home (about 30 ft from my house) that is all clay. I have put ively, azaleas, day lillies, etc. but what else would you suggest as being drought resistant and clay-loving?	PLANT NOTHING IN CLAY. AMEND YOUR SOIL OR YOUR PLANTS WILL SUFFER IN DROUGHT. IF YOU AMEND, YOUR OPTIONS ARE GREATER: LOROPETALUM, ITEA ETC.
What vine can I use on a fence which gets mostly shade. Flowering would be nice.	CONFEDERATE JASMINE DOES WELL IN SHADE AND FLOWERS IN EARLY SUMMER
Because of the continuing drought: Is it a good idea to aerate Bermuda in April or May?	TURF AERATION HELPS TO IMPROVE WATER PENETRATION.
I'm turning some of my fescue lawn into moss area. Will fertilizing the fescue impact the moss area via runoff. What about weed preventers and killers on moss/fescue?	WATCH OUT FOR FERTILIZERS - IT WILL HURT MOSS. WEED CONTROL IN MOSS CAN BE DONE WITH PRE-EMERGENTS, WEED B GONE AND HALF STRENGTH ROUNDUP
Have spread hellebore seedlings. Should I fertilize? If so, 10 10 10?	THIS PLANT REALLY DOESN'T NEED FERTILIZER. STAY AWAY FROM QUICK RELEASE FERTILIZERS (LIKE 10 10 10) DURING A DROUGHT
What is a good fertilizer for Knock Out Roses	SLOW RELEASE FERTILIZERS: HOLLYTONE, OSMOCOTE, COMPOST ,ETC.

<p>I have lariope that is approx 2 feet tall. Will it hurt the plants if I cut them back? I don't want to put them under too much stress with the drought.</p>	<p>CUT BACK VERY SOON JUST ABOVE THE NEW CROWNS WHERE THE NEW FOLIAGE WILL EMERGE</p>
<p>Best way to prevent damage to sod if dogs pee on the sod?</p>	<p>IT'S BEST IF YOU CAN TRAIN THE DOGS TO GO ELSEWHERE. IRRIGATING THE URINE SPOTS QUICKLY WORKS BEST</p>
<p>We have 8 Hawthorns in our front yard which are suffering from some sort of disease/insect infestation. The older leaves are dropping even though there are new buds on each branch. There are black spots on the older leaves. These shrubs do not get much sun so that could be contributing to the problem.</p>	<p>IT'S A FUNGAL DISEASE. TRY IMMUNOX AND CONSIDER REPLACING THEM WITH DISEASE-RESISTANT VARIETIES</p>
<p>How do I amend the soil if I already have plantings?</p>	<p>IN SMALL AMOUNTS 1/2-1 INCH WORKED GENTLY IN AROUND YOUR PLANTS. KEEP 2-3 INCHES OF MULCH AND LET IT DECOMPOSE AND ONLY ADD A BIT OF NEW MULCH TO KEEP IT FRESH</p>
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<p>we're up in alpharetta w/ bermuda grass. is it always necessary to lime? when? how often?</p>	<p>if you haven't limes for a couple of years, apply Lime now....40 lb per 1000 sq ft get a soil test! <a href="http://www.georgiasoiltest.com">www.georgiasoiltest.com</a></p>
<p>does that tiller work well in hard clay?</p>	<p>I spade the area first - to make big lumps...the tiller works great on the soil then</p>
<p>can you cover some good plants to put around edge of yard that deer won't bother?</p>	<p>Lenten rose, ornamental grasses, daffodils go to <a href="http://www.walterreeves.com">www.walterreeves.com</a> and type ""deer plants"" in the Search line</p>
<p>Onions are still everywhere in our flower bed. Weed preventor does not touch it. What does?</p>	<p>not many chemicals....use a dandelion fork to dig out the bulbs</p>

Since Cygon is no longer available what do you recommend for leaf miners on American and English Boxwood?	shear the boxwoods a couple of weeks after you see a cloud of little fly-like insects swarming over them...that removes the miners
Deer issues. They ate every leaf off the following: burning bush, azalea, knockout rose. Can these recover? Should I prune back?	yes - they will probably recover fertilize with Milorganite to repel the deer
Does the lime application have to be watered in?	no - let rain do the job
Voles are eating plant roots and main stem of my plants. What can I do to get rid of the voles?	buy six mousetraps...bait with peanutbutter....overturn a gallon pot over it to protect the trap from birds
I am surprised that drip irrigation is not allowed. Certainly more water wise than watering by hand. How do we get this changed?	contact your water provider <a href="http://www.georgiawaterrules.com">www.georgiawaterrules.com</a>
Can you recommend a drought-tolerant deciduous tree that can be planted close to the house?	get Theresa`s plant list from her website <a href="http://www.eco-tlc.com">www.eco-tlc.com</a>
Bermuda grass: I have weeds that have little yellow flowers....how do I get rid of them?	does it look like a small clover? probably yellow woodsorrel spray with weed b gon
Moss is taking over a section of my zoysia lawn some of which gets filtered sun -some gets full sun. Some spots are bare except for moss. In other spots the moss is mixing with zoysia. Is this due to drought? How do I repair?	moss is there due to shade, hard soil, excess water...fix two of the three and moss will disappear
Aren`t Silver Maples undesirable for home landscapes?	yes - red maples are best
Are portable fountains that recycle water permitted in the landscape?	no contact your water provider for more details

I would like my clover to take over the bermuda - best way to do that? Is clover drought-tolerant?	clover is drought tolerant...but it is an annual, not a perennial. it dies in summer
what vegetables can i plant where I get 6 hours full sun and another 2 -3 hours of filtered sunlight. also that don`t take a lot of water.	with mulch, you could grow tomato, eggplant, pepper, beans and peas all edible plants are exempt from water rules
When you do you plant knock out roses?	today!!
Will Milorganite also help deter rabbits. They ate all of my black eyed susies and ferns.	INDEED IT WILL
What is the first thing I need to do for my fescue grass since I haven`t been able to reseed this year so far? I have already done the pre-emergence in the fall.	AERATE AND ADD SOME LIGHT FERTILIZER
Are you aware of a grass that grows sideways? I have a serious wash problem that washes away my lawn every year!	THIS GRASS IS FROM SCOTTS AND CONTAINS SOME HEAT TOLERANT VARIETIES
Why is silver maple undesirable?	THEY ARE SOMETIMES CONSIDERED THE BRADFORD PEARS OF THE MAPLE FAMILY - SOME LIMB BREAKAGE IN HIGH WINDS
Can a cast iron plant be divided?	ABSOLUTELY AND DO IT NOW
Can I use Osmocote for every type plant?	YES
What kind of turf is Tifway 419? Fescue?	BERMUDA

what is it about this year that makes it one of those years you recommend using pre-em twice?	TURF WAS WEAKENED LAST YEAR BY DROUGHT AND THE WEEDS WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIN AREAS
When is the best time to prune japanese maple?	IN NOV-JAN WHILE COMPLETELY DORMANT
I have been told by my landscape designer to use pre-emergence every 6 weeks until winter time. Yes or no? Have a Bermuda lawn.	WAY TOO MUCH. MOST PRE-EMS ARE GOOD FOR 3-6 MONTHS. READ THE BAG
What do you think about the products that claim to retain water in the soil for use in lawns?	RESEARCH HAS SHOWN NO BENEFIT TO THESE CRYSTALS IN THE LANDSCAPE, CONTAINERS - YES. ORGANIC MATTER IN THE SOIL IS THE BEST WAY TO RETAIN MOISTURE IN THE LANDSCAPE
I have a some fescue seed that is about 14 months old. It`s a high quality blend. Is it still viable?	DO A TEST WITH SOME IN A WET PAPER TOWEL FOR ABOUT 7-10 DAYS
How tolerant is my golden zoysia? Last year we could water once a week but I`m worried about it this year.	ONLY BERMUDA IS MORE DROUGHT TOLERANT. IF IT`S HEALTHY, IT WILL DO FINE. GO EASY ON THE FERTILIZERS
Please recommend a nice shrub for the front of my home. 3 ft..mounding habit?	SUN: GEORGIA PETITE INDIAN HAWTHORN, ROSE CREEK ABELIA SHADE: ENCORE AZALEAS
My husband put weed and feed on our Bermuda this a.m. Since it`s not time, has he hurt it or just wasted \$?	JUST WASTED MONEY ON THE FERTILIZER PART

have meyer zoysio with intermitent brown spots. what causes and how to cure?	COULD BE WINTER COLD DAMAGE IF CERTAIN AREAS FAIL TO GREEN UP, DOGS, ETC. GO TO WALTER`S SITE TO DIAGNOSE: WALTERREEVES.COM
how do you feel about native pachysandra - esp in light of drought?	MIND DID GREAT BUT NEEDS RICH SOIL
Do you recommend spraying weeds versus pulling them up? and why?	PULL IF YOU HAVE THE TIME. USE CHEMICALS IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN YOU CAN MANAGE.
Can post emerg be applied NOW to kill Nutsedge?	yes - use Image or SedgeHammer
Canadian Hemlock - just planted, have weeping hose connected to rain barrel feeding to it. Part shade but will experience some western exposure - thoughts?	sounds good....watering in summer is VERY important....keep soil slightly moist, not soggy, for the next couple of years
We have six boxwoods in a row in front of our house--they are probably original since 1976. I pruned them nearly to the ground about 10 years ago and they have fully recovered.Now my husband wants to kill them so we can plant something else, and I`ve grow attached to these hardy things and want to transplant them. If you`ll take a side and prescribe the best method, we`ll end the debate.	hmmmm....you can try transplanting now..I`d rather it be done in fall...make Hubby promise to dig a WIDE not deep rootball around each one
Round UP on the swiffer or rag...Is it the concentrate diluted or undiluted?	diluted
I wanted to try your invention with the rake...do I need to wait to do this to the weeds just before it rains or can I do it today?	today!!

Do you need to cut Bermuda before fertilize? When should I cut it?	no need to mow first
Would water pillows be at risk of being chewed by rodents?	hmmm...good question...ask the installer BEFORE you put one in!
I have three 2 year old Encore azaleas in afternoon sun. The tag said it was okay, but they don`t bloom anymore. Should I move them?	THEY SHOULD BE OKAY, TRY SOME LIGHT FERTILIZER
Can we access all answered questions after the broadcast?	YES, THEY SHOULD BE THERE
Is there any need to control water quality, e.g. algae or other contamainats, in stored rainwater?	CONTAMINANTS SHOULDN`T BE A PROBLEM. ALGAE WILL ONLY BE A PROBLEM IN CLEAR OR LIGHT BARRELS THAT ARE IN THE SUN
What are some drought tollerant annuals or periennial to attract hummingbirds?	SALVIA. IT`S BOTH ANNUAL AND PERENNIAL. PERENNIALS: SALVIA LEUCANTHA, S. GUARANITICA, S. GREGGII
How can I keep the squirrels/chipmonks out of my tomatoes and squash. Last year they ate everything!	TRY BIRD NETTING AVAILABLE AT HARDWARE STORES
Where might I buy a serviceberry that is tree form?	TREE FORM IS AUTUMN BRILLIANCE SERVICEBERRY. I GOT MINE AT PIKES. ALSO TRY BUCK JONES, JOHN DEERE NURSERY, ETC.
due to the drought: our soil has gotten very dry on the hilly region and with the heavy rains a lot of that soil has washed away, I need some shade tolerate plants or ground cover that will hold the remaining soil. Have any ideas?	TRY GETTING SOME NEW SOIL BACK UP THERE WHEN YOU PLANT: AUTUMN FERN, HELLEBORES, CHRISTMAS FERN, SWEETSHRUB, ITEA, ETC.

Is pachysandra deer resistant or deer salad	DEER LEAVE MINE ALONE
I have available a lot of horse manure. I heard I should not use fresh manure. How long should I age it before using?	UNTIL THE ODOR IS GONE AND IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE MANURE. USUALLY 6-12 MONTHS
Are the questions and answers from this webinar available to review? I missed part of an answer!	SHOULD BE AVAILABLE AFTER WE CONCLUDE
Did you way the certificate was for planting flowers or trees?	BOTH
If using captured rain water do we have to adhere to the 3 day per week restriction?	NOPE. THAT WATER IS YOURS TO USE ANY DAY AT ANY TIME
Is the certificate good for self installed landscaping as well as professional?	YES
Can we run a soaker hose for our 25 minutes of watering?	NO. ONLY HAND HELD HOSES WITH A SHUT OFF SPRAY NOZZLE
How do soaker hoses play into the 25 minutes water restrictions. How do we do this?	NO SOAKER HOSES. ONLY HAND HELD HOSES
If you use a soaker hose in your beds....are you restricted by a hand held water hose?	NO SOAKER HOSES. ONLY HAND HELD HOSES
My irrigation system is run off of my personal lake. Do I have to follow restrictions?	YOU DON'T HAVE ANY RESTRICTIONS....YET