

Newsletter from your friends at Quality Services.

Featured Product Solar Sync



Thought for the Month...

The only way of finding the limits of the possible is by going beyond them into the impossible.

~ Arthur C. Clarke

Tips for Efficient Irrigation

Here are tips for reducing the cost of operating and maintaining an automatic irrigation system:

- Know how to run your irrigation controller and change watering times.
- Adjust the watering times (number of minutes) and the frequency of watering (daily, twice a week, etc.) based on weather conditions.
- Change your settings to adjust for seasonal differences and reset the timer when needed.
- Ask your contractor to install an inexpensive rain shutoff device or soil moisture sensor.
- Regularly have a certified irrigation auditor check for leaks, broken heads and other problems.
- Only water after the sun has gone down or in the early morning.
- Make sure your spray and sprinkler heads are properly adjusted to avoid watering pavements and other non-landscape areas.
- Water areas in the shade about 30 percent less than sunny areas.
- If possible use drip irrigation to water trees and shrubs.
- To eliminate runoff, set your clock to cycle 2-4 start times (no longer than 5 minutes each), 1 to 2 hours apart to allow water to soak into the soil. For example: water three times for 5 minutes, instead of 15 minutes all at once.
- Develop a separate drip watering schedule for trees, shrubs and flower beds.
- Aerate in the fall to loosen soil and reduce runoff.

Hunter Industries recent water saving technology is the Solar Sync. The Solar Sync continually gathers on-site solar and temperature data used in the calculation of evapotranspiration (ET), then determines



Picture: A Hunter industries Solar Sync Module

watering requirements for your landscape. The Solar Sync automatically calculates these your landscapes watering needs and makes adjustments to your controller settings. The Solar Sync takes into account your regional weather patterns, on warmer days, the Solar Sync adjusts watering times up as needed. As temperatures drop and solar radiation decreases, the Solar Sync adjusts your controller setting down. Saving you time and money.



Did you Know?

- All the planets in the solar system rotate counter clockwise, except Venus. It is the only planet that rotates clockwise.
- The length from your wrist to your elbow is the same as the length of your foot.
- Neil Armstrong stepped on the moon with his left foot first.

Meet the Owner



John Newlin, Owner and President of Quality Services, is a Certified Landscape Irrigation Auditor, Certified Irrigation Contractor, and an EPA Water Sense Partner. John is also a member and treasurer of the Ohio Irrigation Association. With over 20 years irrigation experience, you can rest assured your sprinkler system is in the hands of the best.

Visit our website for controller updates:

QualitySprinklingSystems.com

* \$279 basic installation includes: Solar Sync Module, 40 ft of wire and labor. Additional materials and labor are extra.



Using innovative, environmentally responsible techniques, services and products to make your world *Naturally Greener.*

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We'd Love To Hear From You!!

Whether you'd like to discuss your property or additional services or just want to stop by and say "Hi," we'd love to hear from you...

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New Lawn Health Services

Quality Lawn Health Services now offers  **organic and organic/tradition (hybrid) lawn health programs.** We have researched the best techniques and products and can customer tailor an organic or hybrid program to fit your needs. Call Bryant today for your free estimate. (440) 327-1936

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Quality Lawn Health Services offers the following :

Fertilization Weed Control Grub Control
Tree/Shrub Care Foundation Insect Control
Emerald Ash Borer Prevention Water Management



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A Bit of Laughter...

Golf is like taxes. You work hard to get to the green and then you wind up in the hole.

Lawn Diseases: an Overview

Turf diseases can be serious when weather and favor disease development. Plant diseases develop when several conditions occur simultaneously and persist. Fungi, the most common cause of lawn diseases, are microscopic, thread-like organisms that spread by means of air- or water-borne spores. The spores function like seeds, producing new infections whenever the environment is favorable for a period of time and the host is susceptible. Disease develops when the pathogen (fungus) is present on a susceptible host (bluegrass) in a favorable environment (temperature, moisture/water, light, nutrients, and stress factors).

Grass disease can ruin a lawn's appearance. However, good turf management practices usually are adequate to prevent serious damage. Integrated cultural practices for turf management and pest control will limit the need for fungicides. Disease development often is associated with the lack of proper application of these turf management practices: 1) selection and planting of an adapted grass variety, 2) sufficient water at the correct time, 3) regular mowing at the recommended height, 4) provision for adequate sunlight and air movement, 5) maintenance of good soil aeration and drainage, and 6) thatch management.

Abridged from: <http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/pubs/plantsci/landscap/pp950w.htm>

Got Grubs? Rule of 10.

How many grubs are too many? The following guide lines are based on the number of grubs per square foot of lawn.

0-5 grubs per square foot: Rest easy this is a low population and does not need treatment

5-9 grubs per square foot: think about your lawn

Is your grass dense, with a healthy, robust root system? If so, it can probably withstand grub populations of 6-8 per square foot, or more. On the other hand, if animals such as skunks, raccoons, birds, and moles are digging up the turf to feed on the grubs and this bothers you, consider treating highly populated areas.

10+ grubs per square foot: they may cause damage. Consider hiring a professional to asses your lawn and recommend the best course of action regarding treatment

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