



Welcome to my weekly series!

Feel free to send me questions you'd like to have me answer and I will do my best to address the ones of most general interest.

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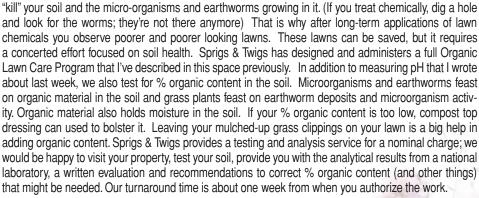
Question of the Week: Weeds are growing like crazy in my lawn,

what can I do?

This summer so far has been very wet and both the grass and weeds have thrived. When you have lots of lawn weeds that normally is a sign that not enough "good" grass is growing and the weeds have moved in. There are a few different things that could be going on. Last week I addressed pH issues; today I'll talk about soil health.

#2 Poor Soil Health Promotes Weed Growth-When it comes to healthy lawns and strong grass plants, it's all about what you don't see that matters the most. Healthy soil with proper nutrients, full of microbial and earthworm activity is the key to success. An enormous

problem in using chemicals to fertilize and treat your lawn is that they actually



Lawns need key essential ingredients like nitrogen as well as many other trace ingredients to flourish. Sprigs & Twigs only uses slow release-organic fertilizers. Organic fertilizers provide many trace elements, major nutrients, as well as organic matter. On the other hand, chemical fertilizers are almost exclusively limited to high amounts of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium which causes rapid (unhealthy) growth of your grass, makes your lawn susceptible to disease and creates an imbalanced environment in your lawn. Excessive nitrogen and phosphorous leaches away and eventually pollutes Long Island Sound. The nitrogen-phosphorus-potassium (N-P-K) fertilizers such as 10-10-10 (and higher) that you find in the garden centers and big box stores are toxic to soil life, pollute the water, and waste your money in the long run. Look for the slow release organics instead.



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