

Grasses Not Only Lawn Cover Choice

Dear Plant Doctor: We just moved to the Sandhills of North Carolina and the lawn of the home we purchased has never been taken care of. We need some help in deciding what would be the best way to handle our front yard.

We moved here from Michigan where we had a beautiful front lawn. A good lawn fertilization program was all that was really required for a nice lawn up north.

We would like to know what types of sod the golf courses use in North Carolina. People are on them daily and they hold up very well.

However, we are also considering the use of artificial turf or white river stones.

Please let us know what is the best cover for our front yard.

Answer: Most golf courses use hybrid bermuda grass. This warm season grass is easily overseeded with either annual or perennial rye grass during the fall for winter and early spring color. Hybrid bermuda grass is a high maintenance, fine-textured, sun-loving, turf grass that is highly resilient to traffic and wear. It is suitable for home use where a high quality (and high maintenance) lawn is desired.

Artificial turf or white stones can be utilized but will not provide many of the environmental and aesthetic benefits of a living ground cover.

Turf grass is just one of the many ground covers available for your front yard. English ivy, low growing junipers, Asiatic jasmine and others can be effectively utilized to provide a living green ground cover for your front yard.

I am sending you two publications,

THE PLANT DOCTOR

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Turf Specialist



Carolina Lawns, AG-69, and Ground Covers for North Carolina, AG-75. The best treatment of your front yard is one that is environmentally sound and agrees with your life style, budget, and sense of aesthetics.

Dear Plant Doctor: I have two questions I would like you to address and reply to at your convenience.

First, I have a number of dwarf Pittosporum bushes around my house and most of them are developing barren areas at the bottom of the plants. It seems like the tops are healthy but the bottoms are becoming very sparse. Also the leaves on bottom are a very light green color in the affected areas. All of these plants are near the house.

My other problem is clover growing in the lawn. My entire lawn is centipede grass and it is being invaded by large patches of clover.

I enjoy your column and would appreciate your comments and suggestions.

Answer: Pittosporum (*Pittosporum spp.*) is susceptible to numerous fungal and bacterial pathogens that would cause the symptoms you describe.

However, I suspect the problem

relates to inadequate pruning and/or fertilization. Opening up the plant canopy by the use of numerous thinning-out pruning cuts will allow better light infiltration and air movement. This will greatly reduce the susceptibility of your plants to disease.

Next, use a slow release fertilizer with trace nutrient elements. Your Pittosporum problem could also be due to a nutrient deficiency. Nitrogen deficiency first shows up on the lower leaves of the plant and moves up the plant as new growth is initiated. A soil test in the Pittosporum beds is also highly recommended.

Large patches of clover in a centipede grass lawn signal a potential problem. Centipede grass prefers a slightly acid soil reaction whereas most clovers prefer soils with a greater tendency toward alkalinity. In other words, you may have applied too much limestone to your yard or the soil is naturally too alkaline for optimum centipede grass growth. Please take a soil sample.

Clover is a wonderful cool season legume that fixes nitrogen in a form that can be used for plant growth. Clover will go dormant or disappear in this area as soon as the weather heats up. Use cultural practices (such as mowing and proper turf grass fertilization) to control clover.

The last resort should be herbicides. Clover can be easily killed with several common turf grass herbicides which include Ortho Chickweed and Clover Control (mecoprop) or Banvel (dicamba).

Send your comments and questions to The Plant Doctor, P.O. Box 109, Bolivia, N.C. 28422.

Tutor Training Workshop Set

The Brunswick County Literacy Council is sponsoring a tutor training workshop at its office in Supply.

The 12-hour workshop will prepare students to use the phonics-based Laubach method with an adult student.

It is scheduled for Friday, April 23, from 6:30 p.m. and on Saturday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It will be led by Rich Dixon of Shallotte.

The literacy council currently has a waiting list of adult students throughout Brunswick County, so tutors are needed in most areas. There are also programs allowing volunteers to work in the elementary, middle and high schools.

To pre-register, or for more information, call the office at 754-READ.



Speech Contest Winners

Charlotte Middle School students Heather Heavener (left) and Sean Pruitt were winners in the recent Optimist International Oratorical Contest sponsored by the Optimist Club of South Brunswick Islands. The subject was "I Can Make A Difference." Pruitt spoke about how he can make a difference in the future as a teacher. Heavener talked about how she can make a difference by helping classmates as a tutor, picking up litter around the school and teaching others about the effects of smoking. Both advanced to zone competition to be held April 21 in Whiteville.

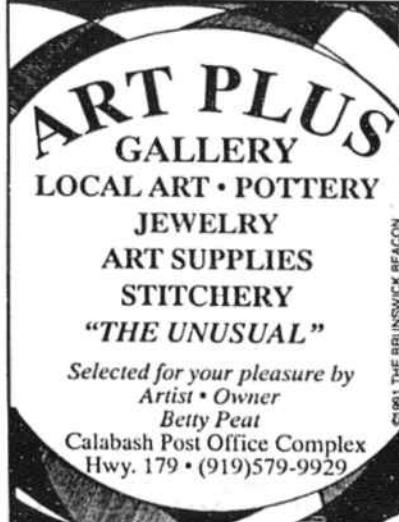
Volunteers Sought For Program

Volunteers are being recruited in Brunswick County in conjunction with "Speak Up! For North Carolina's Abused and Neglected Children," the 1993 public awareness and volunteer recruiting campaign of the N.C. Guardian ad Litem program.

Guardians ad litem are trained community volunteers appointed by juvenile courts to represent the best interests of children involved in court proceedings as a result of having been abused or neglected. Volunteers are paired with attorney advocates, and they work together to ensure that children's rights and best interests are before the court.

During 1991-92, 2,272 guardian ad litem volunteers worked with 140 attorney advocates to serve more than 12,257 children across North Carolina.

For more information on becoming a guardian ad litem volunteer in Brunswick County, call Betty Buck at 253-4060.



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