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Tomlinson Bomberger Lawn Care & Landscape Celebrates 20 Years in Business

Tomlinson Bomberger Lawn Care & Landscape, Inc. is celebrating its 20th anniversary in business serving the people of the Susquehanna Valley. Clark Tomlinson and Dave Bomberger began their business in 1981 while working for many years maintaining the grounds at the Lancaster Country Club. The decision to begin a lawn and tree care business in Lancaster County was a simple one as many members of the country club contracted their services.

To this day, many of their original customers are still with Tomlinson Bomberger Lawn Care & Landscape. The business has grown to employ about 60 people during the peak season of operation and has about 50 vehicles providing lawn, tree and landscape services to over 5000 customers in South Central Pennsylvania, the Philadelphia area and into Northern Maryland.

Tomlinson Bomberger Lawn Care & Landscape has also developed a reputation of providing safe and reliable services to over 80 school districts in their service area. Our athletic field management programs are well known by many people in the athletic field



David Bomberger

ization and weed management programs to top-dressing/seeding and deep-tine aeration.

Landscape services were introduced in the 1980s and have been a growing division within the company. We have full-time landscape designers on staff ready to work with people on projects of every size.

Our core business to this day is still the maintenance of residential and commercial landscapes. Fertilization, weed and pest control services are important parts of a complete landscape care

program. Our certified pesticide applicators have been trained to provide the best services for our customers while keeping updated with the changes of materials and new techniques in the industry.

maintenance industry, and our services range from simple fertil-



Clark Tomlinson

The owners and employees of Tomlinson Bomberger Lawn Care & Landscape, Inc. would like to thank you, our customers, for allowing us to care for your property and for referring new customers to us. Please call our office at **399-1991**, or check our web page at www.tbll.com to look at a comprehensive list of the services that we provide.

Shrub Pruning & Trimming

If you have not contacted us to trim your shrubs this summer, please call our office for a free proposal at **399-1991**. This is a great time to prune excessive growth and keep your shrubs under control. Flowering shrubs, such as Rhododendron, Azalea and Lilacs especially benefit from pruning when they have completed their flowering stage.



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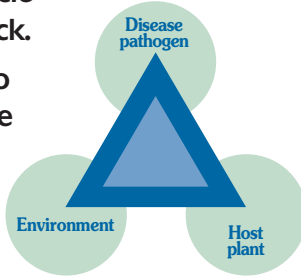


Summer Turf Diseases

During the summer months, turf diseases are prominent on many lawns in our area. They show up in various shapes and

colors on the turf. Most turf diseases don't threaten to destroy the turf, but they can make areas unsightly until they complete their life cycle and permit the turf to grow back.

In order for a turf disease to appear, three factors need to be present. These factors make up the **Disease Triangle**.



When these three factors are present, a disease will appear. The most common turf diseases that we find are leaf spot, dollar spot and red thread. Probably the best cultural method for controlling many diseases is to replant grasses that are damaged by or prone to diseases with disease-resistant varieties of grass. Maintaining a balanced fertilizer program with a slow release source of nitrogen is also very important. Proper mowing practices, such as mowing the turf at a height of 2.5”-3”, along with cleaning the mower deck and maintaining a sharp blade, will help in preventing the spread of the disease. Fungicide applications are very effective in combating disease problems, however, they are expensive and repeat applications are necessary to keep the disease under control during peak periods of activity.

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Yellow Nutsedge

Yellow Nutsedge is a common weed found in many lawns in our area. It's distinctive color and rapid growth rate make this perennial a prominent

distraction in the maintenance of high-quality turf. Also known as yellow nut-grass, yellow nutsedge is a grass-like sedge that infests lawns and landscape beds in warm weather.

Yellow nutsedge has slender, erect, triangular stems that are v-shaped. They grow faster than the turf surrounding it during the summer months. Unlike most weeds, yellow nutsedge is not controlled with traditional grass or broadleaf weed control products. As a member of the “sedge” family, it requires very specific herbicides to obtain satisfactory control. Best results are obtained when the plants are young and immature.

If only a few plants are present, pulling them out by hand is the best way to selectively remove the weeds. Best results are obtained when the ground is moist and the plants are young. Where large patches of nutsedge are present, special herbicides are the only means to get selective control of this weed. One application may be sufficient, however, a second application may be necessary.

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Check our website at www.tbll.com to look at the variety of services we offer. You can also email us regarding any concerns you may have with the services we currently provide for you.

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