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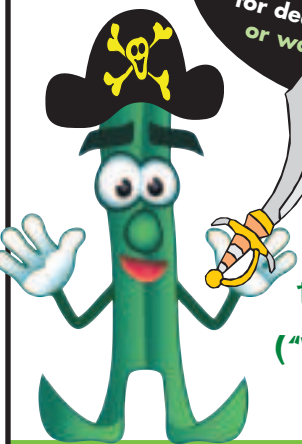
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## You can use

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Have you seen the new pirate movie yet? It's rated Rrrr!! **WATER YOUR LAWN & keep it cut at 3" high for deep green color... or walk the plank!**



**"Benny the Blade"**  
("Pirate" Blade!)

## BUG IN THE HOUSE CONTEST

### CARPENTER ANTS

This nocturnal, social pest is active year-round in homes. Worker ants range in size from 1/8" to 1/2", are reddish/brown to black, and prefer to hollow their nests from wood that has become punky from water damage. Their damage will extend into *sound* wood, causing major repair costs.

BAG EM' AND TAG EM' and **receive \$25.00 OFF** your first Pest Control application by discovering this pest. Call (717) 399-1991, and have our experts verify your findings.



## WATER... YOUR LAWN & LANDSCAPE LIFE DEPENDS ON IT



In the aftermath of the large amount of rainfall we recently received, we still find it necessary to speak about the important issue of **watering your landscape.**

Water is a critical component when it comes to maintaining our lawn and landscape plantings. As summer approaches, the amount of rainfall that occurs is usually inadequate to meet the moisture requirements of plants.

### Here are a few practical tips to water wisely:

**Establish water priorities.** Established trees and shrubs should be okay unless dry conditions persist for several months. Plantings of annual flowers and containers require frequent watering, but don't forget that perennial plants and woody ornamentals also benefit from summertime watering. Water your key plants that suffer in dry periods such as flowering Dogwood, Canadian Hemlock, River Birch and others.

**Water deeply and slowly.** A thorough, deep soaking encourages proper root development. Using soaker hoses,

drip irrigation, or trickling water from a garden hose will make this easier than standing for hours with a sprinkling can or hose in your hand. It is much better to water deeply every 2-3 days, than to lightly water every day. Roots close to the surface dry out quickly when watering is too shallow. Direct sprinklers

to water the lawn and plants, and not the *street*, sidewalk, or driveway where possible.

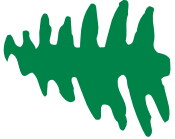
**Water early morning, late afternoon, or early evening.** Recent studies indicate late afternoon and early evening are the times when plants need water most. Water early enough in the evening so the leaves dry before nightfall to prevent fungal and mildew disease development. Watering in the early morning while the sun is low helps diminish evaporation.

**Mulch.** A 2-inch layer of mulch will help conserve moisture in planting beds and tree rings as well as retard weeds, which are big consumers of water. Remember to keep the mulch off the trunk. Too much mulch, more than two inches, inhibits water from reaching the root zone and causes roots to grow toward the surface.



**Rejuvenate your landscape.** Incorporating organic matter in the soil will help retain moisture in addition to providing nutrients and air pockets for healthy root development. Our landscape maintenance team can mulch your property now to help conserve soil moisture for your landscape investment.

BY: GERRY IMPINK



## WHITE GRUBS

'White' grubs are the larval form of many kinds of beetles. Japanese Beetles, Chafers and June Bugs are specific pests that are included in this group. These whitish-gray, worm-like insects have a brown head, legs and appear darkened at the tail.

Grubs feed on the roots of the grass plants causing brown, unsightly dead patches that uproot easily like a section of carpet. Damage to your lawn occurs from Spring through Fall but becomes most evident during the late summer. Controlling white grubs is best accomplished by applying a preventive material before they cause significant damage.



NOW is the proper time to acquire season-long control of this damaging pest. Remember, the material must be watered-in deeply within two days after application. Call with any questions, and one of our Certified Turfgrass Professionals will be happy to help.

BY: MIKE FERRO

### WHAT OUR CUSTOMERS ARE SAYING...

*Excellent service. Our trees look great and the clean up was excellent. We will refer Tomlinson Bomberger to our friends. Thank you for the great job you did.*

Lamar G., Ronks

*The crew worked together like a fine time piece. Everyone was very respectful of my property.*

Barry S., Landisville

## CAREERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT:

ROB BRADEN



Rob Braden lives in York County with his wife, Melissa, and their six year old daughter, Chloe. He enjoys reading, movies, gardening, playing drums with his friends, and spending time with his family (not necessarily in that order!).

Rob joined the Tomlinson Bomberger team in March of 2006 to help spearhead our Pest Control division. Rob is an expert in termite control and other wood destroying organisms, and has over eight years experience maintaining pest-free homes for his customers.

### YEAR-ROUND PEST CONTROL

Enjoy your home this summer without worrying about wasps, yellow jackets, earwigs, spiders, centipedes, ants, fleas, ticks and other disease-carrying insects that can ruin your warm-weather fun. Four visits per year will create a protective barrier between you and unwanted pests. Trust us to deliver the same high quality service in pest control that you have come to depend on from Tomlinson Bomberger. Experience the convenience of having all of your lawn, landscape & pest control services provided by ONE company, **Tomlinson Bomberger**. Start your service today. Call 399-1991.



Have a safe & happy Summer of 2006!  
(Is this how "Benny & The Jets" got started...?)



Maintaining your lawn & landscape as our own.

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