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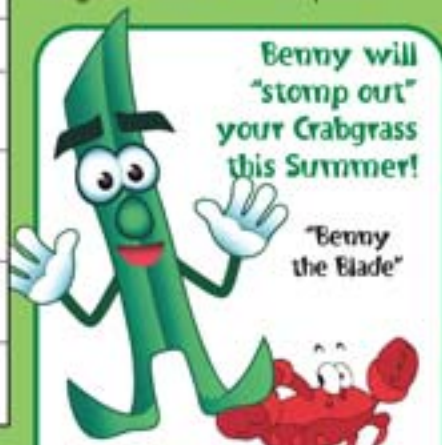
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## Is it Crabgrass, Nutsedge or Tall Fescue?

by MIKE FERRO

 TOMLINSON BOMBERGER LAWN CARE • LANDSCAPE • PEST CONTROL	 CRABGRASS	 NUTSEGE	 TALL FESCUE
<b>GERMINATION</b>	Soil temp reaches 55	Soil temp reaches 45	Soil temp reaches 57
<b>COLOR</b>	Pale green to green	Yellow-green	Green
<b>GROWTH HABIT</b>	Low growing	Grows upright, faster rate than turf	Grows upright and wide bladed
<b>LIFE CYCLE</b>	Summer annual, dies with first frost	Summer perennial, dies with first frost	Perennial, goes dormant when temps are cold
<b>CULTURAL CONTROLS</b>	Mow at 3" and maintain dense turf	Pull the plants including nutlets	Do not overseed with Tall Fescue grass seed
<b>HERBICIDE CONTROLS</b>	Pre-emergent Material – before seed germinates	Post Emergent Material – after it appears	Post Emergent Material – after it appears

**PLEASE NOTE:** None of these are controlled by a Broadleaf Weed Application. They require specialized selective controls. If you have one of these unsightly turf problems, call your friends at Tomlinson Bomberger for expert diagnosis and treatment plans.



## TICK'D OFF!

Spring brings on the tick season, and many homeowners and hikers are acutely aware of the potential problems associated with these blood-sucking pests. Our area plays host to several pest and disease-vectoring species of ticks, including the American Dog Tick, the Brown Dog Tick, and the Deer Tick or Black-Legged Tick. The latter species is the primary vector of Lyme Disease. Hikers and homeowners need to be alert to the presence of these eight-legged pests. At this time of year, the ticks will climb onto high grasses and low shrubs, waiting for a meal (human or animal) to walk under them. When they sense the presence of a potential host, they drop onto their target. Once on a suitable host, they may quest for several hours before finding an appropriate meal site. Prevention of tick infestation includes wearing light colored clothes, on which the ticks are more obvious, tucking pant legs into socks when hiking, utilizing insect repellents with a high concentration of Deet, and physically checking children, dogs, and adults who have been in tick-prone areas. The elimination of high grass, low

shrubs, and other "edge habitat", including low-hanging tree branches, reduces tick infestation possibilities.

"This year we are experiencing quite an increase in tick activity in south-central PA," notes Ed Van Istendal, Tomlinson Bomberger's Pest Control Operations Manager.

"The tiny larval ticks – the ones that have six legs, not eight, as in the other life stages – can be blown by gusty winds and end up on properties quite a distance from their source. Even the most careful homeowners can end up with ticks in their yards." The treatment of edge habitat, including accumulations of leaf litter and pine needles goes a long way in the control of these pests. We can help. Call us for the appropriate treatment to eliminate ticks.



Engorged dog tick.

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*- Ed Van Istendal, Pest Control Operations Manager*

# A Gratifying Experience

by CLARK TOMLINSON, President

On Saturday, May 5th, I arrived at Overlook Park in my sneakers, shorts and T-shirt. I was to take part in the **Arthritis Walk** with 35 of my fellow co-workers and their families. We were all dressed alike in bright green T-shirts, with our team name "Green Achievers" and the Tomlinson Bomberger logo displayed proudly across our backs. Everyone was charged up and ready to walk!

After discussing our team strategy, taking some pictures and greeting the Barnstomer's mascot, Cylo, I began the three mile walk. Reflecting on the walk, I realized the importance of volunteerism and service to others. An added benefit in volunteering is the general good feeling and satisfaction it provides. It just makes you feel good!

A sincere **thank you** to our 35 team members who joined us on the walk in raising \$1,600.00 for the #1 cause of disability in the United States: Arthritis.

I would encourage everyone to consider lending a hand, and volunteering for a cause that is of interest to you. Ask yourself, when was the last time I gave of my time or talents to help others? Think about it. Have a great Summer!



## TESTIMONIALS

Tomlinson Bomberger did the best job. The people from Tomlinson Bomberger were very informative. I was thankful that they took the time to explain many things about my trees. We are very pleased and have never been happier with how the property looks this Spring. Everything looks beautiful at the same time. Shrubbery and flowers blooming here and there, and our trees are doing so well!

- Rodney F., Lancaster

Job was done to my satisfaction. Tomlinson Bomberger did a wonderful job!

- Sherry F., Mount Joy

Those Tomlinson Bomberger guys deserve a big pat on the back, they worked so hard & it was so hot out. We could not be more pleased. The landscaping made our house look completely different. It looks much better!

- Ed B., Lancaster

## COMMUNITY & COMPANY NEWS

Congrats to the HEMPFIELD BOYS VOLLEYBALL TEAM for their State Championship win.



Congrats go out to our General Manager, Tom Sholtzberger, for his appointment to Pennsylvania's Pesticide Advisory Board by Governor Rendell. We are so proud!



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