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## MANAGING NUTSEGE BY ROB BROWN



### Amazing Facts!

by:  
"Benny the Blade"

One tuber of Yellow Nutsedge can produce 150 additional tubers in just 3 months.

After one year, the tuber can produce over 2,000 plants and more than 6,000 tubers!

As our community grows, farmland is developed into new home sites. What was once Yellow Nutsedge on the farm is now Nutsedge in your lawn.

Be on the lookout for Nutsedge!

With the benefit of extra rain the last two years, lawns have grown at extraordinary rates. Unfortunately, so has nutsedge which is an undesirable weed that looks like crabgrass.

Nutsedge is unique. It is not a grass and not a broadleaf weed. It is in the sedge family and requires distinct management options. We expect that during 2005 we will see even more nutsedge.

Nutsedge has a lighter green color than most desirable grasses in our lawns. It has a triangular shaped stem and rapid growth rate that separates it from the grass. It grows quickly after mowing from a tuber underground, which easily spreads and produces many more plants. There is no effective pre-emergent control for nutsedge. It can only be treated after it has emerged. Prime season for nutsedge is June thru August.

When large patches of nutsedge are present, we use a specialty herbicide that helps reduce the number of plants. Two applications are needed in heavily-infested areas. Total eradication is hard to achieve if wet weather persists and the nutsedge continues to spread underground. If you see nutsedge, please call us at (717) 399-1991.



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Incredible changes are happening at Tomlinson Bomberger. In addition to our new location on Yellow Goose Road, we have new people, trucks, trailers, tractors, equipment and tools. More important than the excitement of the new stuff is the security of the old stuff. We are very grateful and honored to retain 88% of our clients and 85% of our coworkers from last year. The continuing relationships that we enjoy with clients and coworkers allow us to offer continuity of service, attention to details, familiarity with specific needs, and enduring trust. If we ever fall short of your expectations, please let us know.

Tomlinson Bomberger is about people serving people. At the start in 1981, it was Dave Bomberger and Clark Tomlinson serving people. Now we have three Daves, five Mikes, four Bobs, two Beths and fifty-five others who are ready and anxious to serve you. We will continue improving, and appreciate every opportunity to earn your loyalty.

We work hard to attract and retain quality people to service your landscapes. As Human Resources Manager, Clark Tomlinson still interviews every candidate for employment. One indicator of the importance of people is the fact that the Staff page on our website gets more hits than any of our other pages. We look forward to sending our good people to provide quality services to our great clients.

Tom Shotzbarger  
General Manager

## CLIENT FEEDBACK

*"Working with Tomlinson Bomberger is like shopping at that hardware store in town; the one that's been owned & operated by the same family for generations. The service is genuinely warm, personable, quick and efficient without being hurried. Projects are well-planned and well-executed from the start."*

*We have felt that our Account Manager has considered our long-term best interests to be his top priority. We are exceptionally happy with all of the work that has been performed at our property. Our experience has always been pleasant, positive and hassle-free. We very much look forward to contact with the people at Tomlinson Bomberger. It's like getting together with old friends."*

Walt and Kathy Kowalok from Elizabethtown



At your service, new members of our Tomlinson Bomberger Team!

## COWORKER ACHIEVEMENTS

Education and professional accreditation are on-going efforts at Tomlinson Bomberger.

Recently, seventeen of our coworkers passed the two exams necessary to become recognized as CTP-CSL (Certified Turfgrass Professionals - Cool Season Lawns).

Following is a list of other accreditations, and how many of our coworkers have acquired the designation:

- 45 Pennsylvania Licensed Applicators
- 17 Certified Turfgrass Professionals
- 15 Certified Arborists
- 3 ICPI (Interconnecting Concrete Paver Institute)
- 3 Pennsylvania Certified Horticulturists
- 2 National Concrete Masonry Association Certification
- 1 Certified Landscape Professional
- 1 Certified Landscape Technician

We are dedicated to providing a high level of expertise through employee continuing education programs. We are proud of the commitment exhibited by our coworkers in reaching these certification goals. Tomlinson Bomberger promises to take advantage of these experiences, and use that knowledge when caring for your landscape.

Commitment, education, experience and caring equal quality service to you, our valued customer.

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