

# OCA Journal

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## President's Message

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*The masthead image provided by Union Township, Mt. Moriah Cemetery - Cincinnati.*



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### Upcoming Events

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Cincinnati
Golf
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Union Township - Clermont
County
Host: Pat Ebright
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Lastly, on Wednesday August 8th our annual convention will feature that morning several breakout session presentations that will discuss and cover many multiple topics for all. There will be presentations for all members regardless of your business or government makeup. I look forward to seeing you all at our Annual Convention in August!

Patrick Ebright, OCA President  
Union Township-Mt. Moriah Cemetery  
Cincinnati, OH



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Cincinnati

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## Articles for Sales Managers & Advisors

**About 95% of what do every day habit. To be successful on an ongoing basis we must ensure that we have the correct habits of thought.**

How we think and what we think about has a profound effect on our future.

### **The How**

How you think about yourself is critical to your success. Whatever self-limiting thoughts you have about your ability to perform, achieve, produce, your ability to learn and even what you think you can earn becomes a reality. Habitually limiting your beliefs about what you can do, can become and can earn have a dynamic affect you the results you get.

### **The What**

The second element regarding your habit of thought is what you think about. Think about problems and failure is thinking about what you don't want. Yet if you think about what you do what and how to accomplish it, that is what your energies will be focused on

Studies of top producing sales professionals and ones that are average or below revile one and only one differencetation factor; the top achievers only allow themselves to think about what they want and how they will accomplish it. Where the average performers think about the challenges and reasons they can't accomplish their goals.



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### **The Choice**

Forming the right thought habits requires focus and determination. Brain Tracy, in his book *Million Dollar Habits* says, "Good habits are hard to learn but easy to live with. Bad habits, on the other hand, are easy to learn but hard to live with."

How we think determines what we do and what we do, over and over, creates our habits. We first make our habits and then our habits make us. Whatever the habit, the choice is ours. We choose how and what we think about. It has been said for thousands of years by everyone from great teachers to great preachers, "We become what we think about."

Key reminders on creating the right habits of thought:

- You have total control of your thoughts.
- What we read, listen to, and who you listen to shapes your thoughts.
- Write out what you want to do and be, read it daily, and see yourself that way.
- We are what we repeatedly do.

We are free to choose our thoughts and then our thoughts choose our actions, and it's our actions that create our future.

Thanks to Kirk Roberts, OCA Vice President, (American Cemetery Services) for sharing this article.



***Looking for an idea for a waste receptacle for your cemetery?***

***Here's one.***



***Photo taken June, 2018  
Anonymous Cemetery***



# Cemetery Spotlight

## ***Mt. Moriah Cemetery***

Mt. Moriah Cemetery is owned and operated by the Union Township Board of Trustees, Clermont County, Ohio. The cemetery is situated on land rich in history dating back to the 1800's. The original cemetery consisted of 1/3 acre deeded to the citizens of Witham Settlement in 1824. Presently, it includes 56 acres of rolling hills graced with large shade and evergreen trees, sparkling pond, lovely gazebos, chapel, park, and restful meditation areas. Carefully maintained to ensure the beauty and serenity for future generations, the cemetery has stately monuments that are a link between the past and the present.



Withamsville is located on the southern border of Union Township, Ohio. It is on the survey made April 8, 1788, for Churchill Jones of Virginia. Jones was a captain who served three years in the American Revolution. This survey was made more than seven years before the Indians signed the Treaty of Greeneville, which legally allowed United States citizens into the area. Maurice Witham received the patent to his land from U.S. President Thomas Jefferson on November 28, 1803. Rev. Witham was a Baptist preacher from the Saco Valley of Maine, who left that state in March, 1800, and arrived in the Withamsville area in October of that same year. The village that formed was originally called Witham Settlement, in honor of the family. Mt. Moriah Cemetery was originally a part of the Witham farm. The Witham family, with the exception of Maurice is buried in Mt. Moriah Cemetery. The oldest section of the cemetery is located behind a picturesque little, white chapel built in 1842 owned by Mt. Moriah United Methodist Church. Some of the narrow, older, paved roads winding through Mt. Moriah Cemetery were originally used by horse and wagon, a reminder of days gone by.

Interred at Mt. Moriah Cemetery are some prominent pioneers and citizens dating back to the early 1800's. The Honorable Dr. William Doan (1792-1847) was an eminent physician. He was also a Representative and Senator in the Ohio Legislature, and from 1839-1843, a member of Congress. Politician Charles Cyrus Kearns (1869-1931) was a Republican and a U.S. Representative from the Ohio 6th District (1915-1931). Dr. Elisha Bennett (1809-1881) was one of the oldest practitioners of the county. In 1851, he was elected to be a Representative from Clermont to the Fiftieth General Assembly of Ohio by the Democratic Party. Also interred at Mt. Moriah Cemetery is Richard Stockton (1735-1810) who owned some of the land that the cemetery occupies today. Sarah Stockton's grave (1745-1813) is the oldest marked grave in the cemetery.



Mt. Moriah Cemetery has a commitment to the preservation of the markers and monuments located on the grounds. While the majority of the historic markers are in relatively good condition, some of them are in need of restoration.

### ***Cemetery Spotlight continued from page 5.***

Markers are treated with a biological solution and cleaned with a natural bristle brush. In addition gaps are filled with hydraulic cement to stop water expansion in the winter months, and bases are sealed with a heavy-duty cement coating. Many markers that are leaning are excavated, leveled and returned to a new hydraulic concrete base poured below ground. In addition, markers that are lying broken on the ground are excavated. An above ground frame approximately six inches deep is prepared and the markers are placed on a level gravel base. Hydraulic concrete is installed around the markers. Once the form is removed, the markers are sealed with a heavy-duty masonry coating treated with an acrylic fortifier. Markers that are illegible due to lichen growth are once again restored, enabling us to learn the historical significance of the person buried there. The restoration of markers and monuments is an on-going project for Mt. Moriah Cemetery.



Mt. Moriah Cemetery recognizes the importance of the preservation of the history that goes along with those buried here. To help bring this history to life, the cemetery launched new interactive memorial pages on its website in 2017 to capture the histories of the individuals resting in its grounds. Each person has their own memorial page.



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The memorial page features links to their obituary, burial location and directions to Mt. Moriah Cemetery. A Google earth map will show the exact location of the person. The map can be maximized to show cemetery landmarks such as the pond on the east side of the cemetery, and the office on the west side of the cemetery. The map can be minimized to zoom in on the exact location of the burial site. On the memorial page, families can share memories, stories, photos and videos. These memories will automatically build an interactive timeline of their loved one's life. There is also a section to add photos or videos. The pages are permanent, and are geo-referenced to the grave, scattering area, or columbarium niche to provide GPS navigation to the final resting place. Mt. Moriah Cemetery believes that every life has a story to be told, and through these interactive memorial pages we can collect and preserve the history of our loved ones and, in essence, our whole community.

On the east side of Mt. Moriah Cemetery a sparkling pond with two fountains and a spectacular waterfall are located. Also, two white, mute swans are found swimming on the pond. Not only do the swans decrease the geese population, but, more importantly they add beauty and grace to the cemetery. In addition, a large gazebo, Cremation Scattering Garden and three Niche Columbariums are located in this tranquil setting. The scattering garden and columbariums offer families an alternative for cremated remains. This area of the Mt. Moriah Cemetery is often used by the community as a backdrop for weddings and prom photos.

Mt. Moriah Cemetery provides a unique and touching ceremony for people to remember and honor their loved ones. The annual "Lantern Lighting Ceremony" begins with the cemetery staff providing guests with materials to create their own lanterns. The guests assemble their lanterns under a large, white tent strung with lights. While a string trio from the Clermont Philharmonic Orchestra offers a backdrop of classical music, guests choose their materials and sit down to design personal and artistic messages to their loved ones. The decorated rice paper will later enclose lit candles on the small platforms that will be set out on the pond at sunset. All of the lanterns are unique and personal.



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The event helps people by giving them an outlet to express their feelings for their loved ones. Also, there is an overwhelming display of emotional support for each other. The thought, time and emotion that go into decorating the lanterns are touching to see. The guests are treated to a catered dinner, followed by the presentation of the Colors with a 3-volley salute and taps to remember the service men and women buried at the cemetery. A local Boy Scout and Cub Scout troop lead The Pledge of Allegiance and The Star Spangled Banner. In addition, a Bugler plays Taps, and a final song of Amazing Grace as the lanterns are placed on the pond. As the sun descends, guests gather at the pond. The candles are lit and the lanterns are set upon the water to carry their messages. This year will mark the 11th Annual Lantern Lighting Ceremony which is attended by approximately 600 people. Mt. Moriah Cemetery strives to honor and remember those we bury by providing this touching and memorable event.

On the west side of Mt. Moriah Cemetery is a truly unique park known as "Heritage Memorial Grove". The total area for the park is approximately 2.27 acres. The area is carved partially from a grove of oak and maple trees, with the majority of the grounds left in its natural state. The park is a perfect place for the community to gather, reflect and enjoy. The large main entrance of the park leads to an area described as an "Outdoor Wedding Cathedral", which includes a circular area that provides for elevated seating and a majestic, granite altar. This cathedral is incorporated into the natural setting which is spectacular for outdoor weddings. Another area of the park is graced with a stately granite monument with the inscription "'Heritage Memorial Grove, dedicated to the memory of the pioneer settlers of Union Township, Clermont County, Ohio, by the Trustees of Union Township and Stanley E. Wilfert". Winding through the woods are lighted concrete walking trails. These trails are also handicap accessible. Granite benches are placed for visitors to rest and reflect. The park is available for use by the community for services, weddings and funerals. Park visitors can seek solitude to meditate and remember their loved ones, family and friends, or simply enjoy the rustic, tree lined environment.

A major success and goal for Mt. Moriah Cemetery was to be awarded accreditation by the APWA (American Public Works Association) on July 29, 2011. On July 7, 2015, the cemetery was re-accredited, and currently is in the process of a second re-accreditation to be accomplished in 2019. Mt. Moriah Cemetery was assessed on fourteen practices including interment, mapping blocks, lot numbering, section development and section renovation among others. The APWA accreditation team awarded Mt. Moriah Cemetery full compliance for all fourteen of their practices.

Mt. Moriah Cemetery strives to fulfill their motto, "To operate and maintain an historic burial ground in a park-like setting, with a commitment to preserve and honor the heritage of past generations, to serve and respect the needs of the present generation, and to provide a legacy for future generations."

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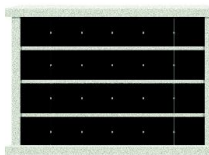
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**ANNUAL CONVENTION/FIELD DAY & TRADE SHOW**

**AUGUST 6-7-8 2018**

**Holiday Inn-Eastgate – Cincinnati, OH**



# AGENDA

## MONDAY AUGUST 6

- 11:00 Golf Outing - Legendary Run 915 Legendary Run Golf Course - Cincinnati
- 2:00 Supplier Set up-Ferarra Room
- 4:00 OCA Board Meeting-Brandon Beck Board Room
- 6:00-7:00 Social Hour with Suppliers – **FERARRA ROOM**
- 7:00-8:00 Dinner
- 8:00 Golf Awards/Games

## TUESDAY AUGUST 7 - FERARRA ROOM

- 7:00-8:30 Registration and Breakfast with Suppliers
- 8:30-9:15 Welcome and Announcements; Supplier Introductions
- 9:15 10:00 Keynote Speaker – Session #1 - Jim Meyers – Secret Service Retired  
**“Armed Intrusion Awareness Training”**
- 10:00-10:30 Break with Suppliers
- 10:30-11:30 Keynote Speaker – Session #2 – Jim Meyers  
**“A Reflection of the US Secret Service”**
- 11:30 Leave for Field Day

## MT. MORIAH CEMETERY – UNION TOWNSHIP

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686 Mt Moriah Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45245

## SEE FIELD DAY AGENDA

- 4:30 Return to Holiday Inn-Eastgate

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**TUESDAY AUGUST 7 continued - FERARRA ROOM**

- 6:00-7:00 Social Hour with Suppliers  
 7:00-8:00 Dinner/President's Message  
 8:30- Entertainment - **FAMILY FEUD** presented by Cincinnati Circus

**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 8 - FERARRA ROOM (unless otherwise noted)**

- 7:00-8:30 Registration and Breakfast with Suppliers
- 8:30-8:45 Announcements
- 8:45-9:45 **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**  
**NAPLES ROOM**  
*"Before Disaster Strikes"*  
 Dianne Bates – Brookfield Cemetery – Tuscarawas Township  
**PALERMO ROOM**  
*"Time Management - For ALL Cemetery Departments"*  
 Kirk Roberts – Roberts Group/OCA Vice President
- 9:45-10:15 Break with Suppliers
- 10:15-11:00 **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**  
**NAPLES ROOM**  
*"A Day in the Life of a Cemetery External Auditor"*  
 Kelly Neer - External Auditor, Ohio Dept. of Commerce, Div. of Real Estate & Professional Licensing  
 Laura Monick-Ohio Dept. of Commerce, Registration & Resolution Section Chief  
**PALERMO ROOM**  
*"Spring Grove Cemetery: Growing All the Time"*  
 Chris Sullivan – Spring Grove Cemetery- Grounds Manager, OCA Board Member
- 11:00-11:30 Break with Suppliers
- 11:30-12:15 **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**  
**NAPLES ROOM**  
*"Working with the Public – Panel Discussion"*  
 Nancy Woebkenberg – Mt. Moriah Cemetery  
 Marilyn Brandt – Lake View Cemetery  
 Nancy Creech – Monroe Township Cemeteries  
 Scott Harmon – Dover City Cemeteries/OCA Board Member  
**PALERMO ROOM**  
*"Memorialization Trends" - Panel Discussion*  
 Gerardo Garcia – Columbarium by Design  
 Bob Porter – Matthews Intl/OCA Board Member  
 Dave England – Cold Spring Memorial Group
- 12:15-12:45 Legislative Update – Tim Long, OCA Legal Counsel - **FERARRA ROOM**  
 OCA Business Meeting
- 12:45- Conclusion Announcements and Lunch with Suppliers





## FIELD DAY - TUESDAY – AUGUST 7, 2018

For GPS directions use: 686 Mt Moriah Drive - Cincinnati, OH 45245

**12:00**      **Welcome**  
             **Supplier Introductions**  
             **Lunch**

**1:15-1:45** **Simple Solutions for Leveling & Re-Sealing**  
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**1:45-2:15** **Break with Suppliers**

**2:15-2:45** **The Power of Sound**

**Steve Becker – Empower –*AMAZING AMP***

**2:45-4:30** **Field Day Games with Suppliers (Mower obstacle course, Excavator**  
             **Competition) Prizes awarded prior to conclusion**



**4:30** **Return to Holiday Inn for Rest and Relaxation**

**Any questions - Please call Pat Ebright at Mt. Moriah Cemetery (513) 752-1773**

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## OCA Alert: Annual Convention/Field Day & Trade Show

Agenda and registration forms for the upcoming Annual Convention/Field Day & Trade Show can be found on the oca website under the tab – Upcoming Events.

**August 6-7-8, 2018**

[www.ohiocemeteryassociation.com](http://www.ohiocemeteryassociation.com)

Holiday Inn – Eastgate Cincinnati



## OCA Alert: OCA Pay Over The Web

The OCA now has the capability of receiving credit card payments for event registrations and membership dues. Pay at [www.ohiocemeteryassociation.com/powform](http://www.ohiocemeteryassociation.com/powform) or you can click "Pay Over the Web" on the bottom right hand corner of [www.ohiocemeteryassociation.com](http://www.ohiocemeteryassociation.com).

### **Pay for Event Registrations or Membership dues**

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### **Membership Dues Payment**

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### **Event Registration**

If you are registering for an event, fax or email registration form to the OCA office. An invoice for this registration will be generated and sent to you. You will then be able to proceed with the transaction. Forms are list in Upcoming Events at [www.ohiocemeteryassociation.com/Upcoming-Events](http://www.ohiocemeteryassociation.com/Upcoming-Events) when available.



# Springtime Increases Flying, Crawling, Slithering Critter Hazards

As the weather becomes warmer, you will find yourself working in outdoor areas that you didn't during the winter months. Whether you're performing activities such as mowing, weed-eating, and trimming, you may find yourself face-to-face with poisonous plants, insects, spiders, and snakes. Contact with poisonous plants, bites, or stings may send you to the doctor's office or even the emergency room for a remedy.

Risk Management speaker Gordon Graham said 'if it is predictable it is preventable'. If you can predict that there may be a poisonous plant, snake, spider or insect present then prevention is the answer, and to do that you should look and listen before you jump into an area where you may have danger lurking.

Spiders and snakes will soon be coming out of their winter dormant state and often hide where you may have occasion to work. Insect and spider bites can be dangerous, especially if you are allergic to them. A bite or sting may cause an allergic reaction called anaphylaxis, which can be a life-threatening event and should be treated immediately. Call 911 if you are having a reaction to a bite or sting.

## Bees, Wasps, Yellow Jackets



- Stings kill more people each year than all other venomous animals combined.
- Look out for hives
- Keep food and drinks in your vehicle. Bees are attracted to sweet smells.
- Watch for unusual reactions to stings. Call 911 immediately

## Spiders



- Black widow spider venom is 15 times more poisonous than rattlesnake venom!
- Watch out for spiders when working around wood piles, vegetation and other areas that are dark
- Wear gloves when working in areas that may harbor spiders.
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## Snakes



- Rattlesnakes are the most common poisonous snake in our area and can be found in areas that are protected, like wood piles or rock piles, bushes or tall grass.
- Rattlesnakes are often found where there are food sources for them like gophers, squirrels, and mice.
- Other places may be near streams or rivers that have recently flooded during the winter and have transported snakes on debris piles or logs downstream and deposited them on the bank near your cemetery.
- Leave the snake alone.
- Most people are bitten trying to kill them or to get a better look.
- If a snake bite contains venom, swelling occurs quickly.
- Call 911 and seek medical assistance immediately.
- Avoid running and do not panic.
- Do not cut the affected area or attempt to remove venom with your mouth.

Report all bites, stings, and contact with poisonous plants that cause a rash or swelling to your supervisor immediately. All of these are true medical emergencies and should be treated as such. When in doubt, call 911

Article courtesy of Public Cemetery Alliance

Mark Marshall, California Safety Officer, Golden State Risk Management Authority

### Common Snakes of Ohio

There are over 25 different snake species found in Ohio and out of those, three of them are said to be venomous. With steep valleys, rugged hills, big lakes, long rivers, isolated islands and drainage basins, the state has plenty to offer the average snake looking to snack on water-dwelling creatures such as frogs, toads and even newts and salamanders.



There are only three venomous snakes and they are:

#### Timber Rattlesnake

Also known as the timber rattler, this snake usually measures in between 35 and 55 inches in length, a yellow or brown coloration with black or brown bands going from one side to the other across the back.

#### Eastern Massassauga Rattlesnake

The second venomous snake of Ohio is also a rattlesnake but this time, the Eastern Massassauga Rattlesnake, a slightly smaller species measuring just 20-30 inches in length. A darker color than the timber rattlesnake, this one is usually a brown-gray color with darker almost bow-shaped patches running down the length of its back. You'll find this snake commonly in the northern parts of the state, and also along the color, glaciated areas to the west.

#### Northern Copperhead

Around the same size as the Massassauga rattlesnake, the northern copperhead (25 - 36 inches) is a pit viper that is often referred to as the copperhead snake.

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CompManagement is a leading provider of workers' compensation solutions to over 25,000 employers in the state of Ohio. We represent every industry classification and size, from large corporations to small family-owned businesses to over 1,800 public entities and the Department of Administrative Services for the state of Ohio. Headquartered in Dublin, Ohio with additional service teams in Canton, Cleveland, Cincinnati and Toledo, we are honored to be endorsed by more than 160 associations, chambers of commerce, governmental agencies and public sector organizations.

For over 30 years, we have taken care of our clients' most important asset - their injured workers. We ensure your organization garners the most premium savings possible as well as help to navigate the complexity of Ohio's workers' compensation system and advocate on your behalf. At CompManagement, caring counts®!

### Our Services

- **Claims Administration** - Prompt claims investigation, careful evaluation and coordination of legal counsel, hearing representation, private investigation, case management and/or vocational experts to bring complex cases to timely resolution.
- **Program Consultation** - Our industry leading experts review each client to ensure participation in programs that may garner the most premium savings.
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- **Client Advocate** - We are committed to advocating positive, constructive positions to bring creative solutions to the table. We tend to take a long-term view of circumstances and be the voice of reason. In as such, we engage in a cooperative effort with the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) to achieve optimal results for clients as well as the Ohio workers' compensation system.

As the workers' compensation program administrator for the Ohio Cemetery Association, CompManagement provides not only industry leading premium savings & refunds, but also educational resources, personalized service and compliance safe guards to help the chamber's members keep employees safe, while minimizing the risk for claims.

All employers in Ohio are encouraged to annually review their workers' compensation program to ensure that they are garnering the most premium savings while keeping in mind their risk tolerance. A few tips that will help control your costs include:

#### 1. Review Your Options

There are several alternative rating programs in Ohio for an employer to consider that offer savings on their annual premium either up-front or retrospectively. Some programs are also compatible with each other to allow an employer to "stack" the discounts together up to the maximum discount allowed. There are different eligibility requirements for each program but each has the goal to reward an employer for their focus on safety in the workplace and controlling claim frequency and severity.

#### 2. Utilize Cost Containment Strategies

To mitigate claim costs, many employers opt to implement strategies such as a transitional duty program, salary continuation, handicap reimbursement and possibly settlement. By removing costs from your experience, you may be able to lower your annual premium rate that is calculated by the BWC thus reducing your annual spend.

#### 3. Look at Your Risks

If your business is prone to common types of injuries such as slips and falls, repetitive motion or soft tissue injuries, several different safety programs can be implemented to reduce the frequency of occurrence. It is also important to review job duties that may lead to common injuries that can be avoided and/or prevented.

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It's no secret that there has been little to no break from the high temperatures here in the Midwest; and it's not just you but your turfgrass that's feeling the heat! The importance of taking the right steps in caring for your property can't be stressed enough; and are easy to put to work on your own with the help of your grounds maintenance crew! The more action you're able to take BEFORE summer months hit, the better off your turfgrass plant is to be able to fight off the negative effects of Mother Nature. Regardless, these few tips can be essential lifelines to health for those stressed out blades of grass spanning your cemetery's property:

1. **Water deeply in the morning.** Many fungal diseases are favored by dark, wet conditions. If the grass is watered in the morning, the grass has a chance to dry down before sundown and so does not remain constantly wet.
  - \* **Be careful about watering grass late in the evening or at night** – especially with evening temperatures not going below 70 degrees and high humidity. This creates a problem with the lawn staying damp into the evening. Most turf diseases need prolonged moisture as a necessary ingredient for disease to begin. It is always best to irrigate early in the morning. Try not to allow your turfgrass to go into the evening in a wet condition.
2. **Don't fertilize when it is hot and the soil is dry.** Grasses need soil moisture to metabolize fertilizers. Under dry, hot conditions fertilizers may actually weaken the grass, and some fungi like it hot and dry.
3. **Don't use herbicides when it is hot and dry.** Weed controls can weaken grasses at any time and under hot, dry conditions, the stress is compounded. Furthermore, the weeds are probably not growing under those conditions anyway, and the weed controls are ineffective.
4. **Limit fertilizing in the shade.** Grasses in the shade do not photosynthesize at full rate. Overstimulating them with nitrogen causes them to overproduce proteins at the expense of their root reserves. The grasses are weakened, becoming more susceptible to disease.
5. **Use herbicides in the shade with great care.** If possible, avoid using herbicides completely in shady areas. Weed controls can weaken grasses under the best conditions. In the shade, where most grasses are already struggling, herbicides can signal their death, weakening them to the point where they are susceptible to a wide variety of fungal diseases.
6. **Avoid mowing when the grass is wet.** Several fungi have swimming spores that can easily be spread by mowing equipment when the grass is wet. It is common to see disease streaks in the turf caused by mowing tracks.
7. **Try to eliminate thatch, poor drainage and compaction.** All of these conditions skew the biological struggle for existence in favor of the disease.

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8. **Mow sharp; Mow High.** Dull mower blades tear as they cut the grass leaves, exposing more damaged surface to fungal spores. Increase your mowing height in the summer months. Turfgrass rooting responds proportionately to mowing height. The shorter the mowing height, the shallower the roots become over time. Conversely, a lawn allowed to grow higher in the hot summer months will exhibit a much deeper root system, finding water and reducing stress.

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