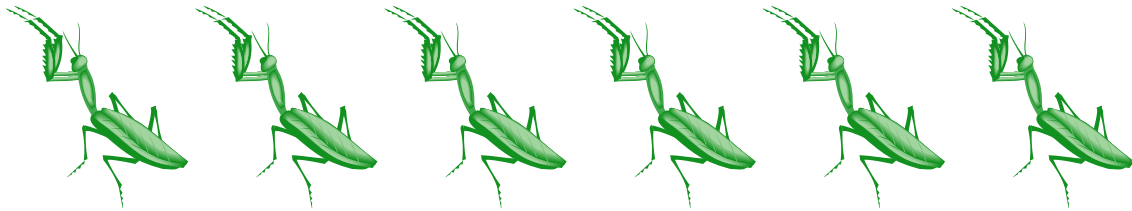


Mantis Services, Inc.

Newsletter

Fall 2026 edition



The “Fall-a-day” Season is right around the corner! The best time of the year is upon us ~ Halloween, Thanksgiving and of course, Christmas is right around the corner.

What’s The Plan - For the upcoming months you can expect us to apply a lower nitrogen fertilizer, insecticide, and herbicide. You may notice various types of weeds such as: **Chamber Bitter** which is a green weed and resembles a very small Mimosa tree in addition, its seedlings



are beneath the leaf so pulling it is a definite **No!** The seedlings are easy to drop and will replant itself;



Chick Weed is a very

tiny white flower weed with very tiny green leaves



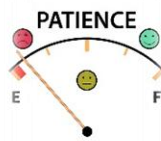
Virginia Button weed which is a bigger flowering weed with ½” green leaves and purple

Spurge typically is close to the ground and has purple /burgundy runners. We still suggest the best way to control weeds from spreading is **not to pull them and try to bag when mowing if at all**



possible.

PATIENCE is key, in allowing the herbicide to take effect. Applications versus results normally take about 3 full weeks. Depending on the herbicide and some can take up to 6 weeks. Allow the products to work. Should you refuse to wait and request a re-treatment for weeds as a priority, we will be applying a **\$35.00** charge to reservice. In order to receive the best results for weed treatments, **do not** mow the lawn prior to us coming out. When a lawn has been freshly mowed, it becomes challenging to locate weeds, especially dollar weed and sedge.

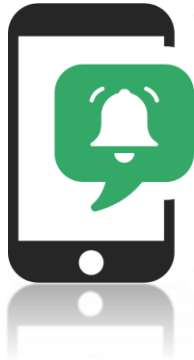


“Can you come another day?” We work on schedules a month in advance, and make sure everyone is where they need to be. We understand from time to time that something comes up. Please keep this in mind: Each routed day is scheduled for a particular area of town/county. We consider many factors, **fuel**

being the most important. **Time** would be another factor. We make the routes as tight as possible and therefore, when one customer requests another day that would be better for them, isn't necessarily better for us. We are all about making the customer our priority. However, consider the fact that it's not just one customer we have to move; it's an **entire** day which then causes issues with other homeowners. So, if a mower can't get on the lawn because of a rainy day, ask them to move it to another day.



Software Notifications— Our software is designed to notify a homeowner of our coming



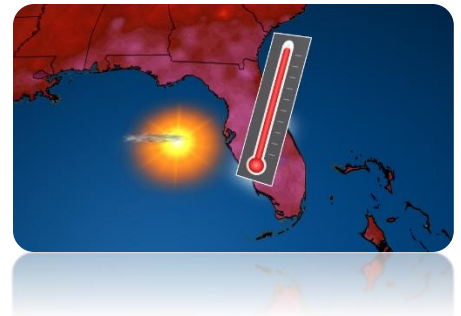
out, two days in advance. When this occurs, feel free to reply back to the text. You will be directly texting the office any concerns/questions you may have. However, be advised that our **pest control** service is designed to be an exterior service, interior services are performed upon a request. Therefore, asking

for a specific time on exterior treatments, can't be specified. Everything depends on how the technician routes their work and whether or not they already have appointments lined up. The best we can do, is provide a window of arrival. If an interior is needed, contact the office and request that so we can reserve a specified time on the schedule.



Recap - Once again, we would like to remind homeowners why things get as bad as they do. Not one year is the same,

weather conditions change, there is so much inconsistency, it's challenging at times to keep up with mother nature. This summer we experienced several weeks of very hot days, hitting several consecutive days in the triple digits. We are unable to treat for weeds in extreme conditions. Restrictions are set in place to **NOT** apply in temperatures above 94 degrees. Label is law for **licensed** Pest Control Companies, and we will not risk our license or our reputation. When estimates are provided from the beginning, it is specified that weeds will not be treated in temps 94° or above. This doesn't mean one day we are under 94° and we can treat. It has to be an



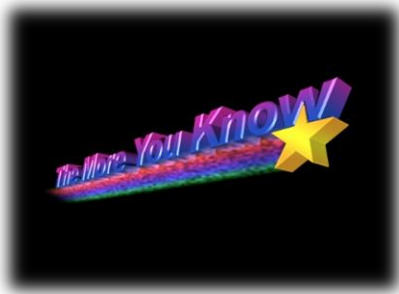
average time frame. Assuming that because we have a day where we have a temperature of 91°, we are ok to apply herbicides is false and should not be understood that way. We watch forecasts very closely. If one day we are expected to be in the lower 90's, but the remainder of the week is in the mid to upper 90's, we will not apply herbicide. The chemicals sit in the lawn and therefore, the higher the temperatures get, the more risk exists of burning the lawn.

What's Best - Mowers/gardeners are **not**

licensed pest control operators, they are not the specialists, so please **do not** allow them to apply anything to your lawn when we are unable to. Insecticide applied kills the active, lawn threatening insect in the lawn – **NOTHING** will

You're not an exception to the rules.

prevent insects from coming into your lawn. Mantis is **not** responsible for replacing sod when damaged by insects.



Helpful insight on types of grasses- **Shade Tolerant**

Grasses: St. Augustine
Palmetto, St. Augustine Seville,
Centipede, Zoysia
Full Sun Tolerant

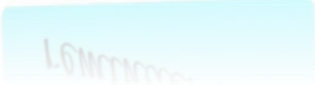
Grasses: St. Augustine Floratam, Zoysia, Bermuda, Bahia, and Centipede.

Applying fertilizer to Centipede lawns shortens the life span of the grass.

Mow Centipede, Bermuda and Zoysia lawns to a maximum height of 2 ½ inches. Do not mow these lawns in a draught as it inhibits moisture from retaining.

St. Augustine Floratam lawns should be mowed at the highest level (3"-4"). Scalping will cause damage and possible death to the lawn, especially during high temperatures. Zoysia Lawns are always the first to brown in the fall and the last to green up in the spring.

Rye seed should be applied in the mid to late October. If Rye is applied to your property, contact the office immediately so we can place a "hold" status on your account. Nothing should be applied to Rye lawns until the first application following winter.



because of a miscommunication, or we are not added correctly.

Gated Communities

- Homeowners, please be sure that Mantis Services, is listed as a vendor permitted to visit your property. Security changes frequently, and therefore, often times, our vehicles are turned away

What's up with the bugs???

Our pest control division has been working hard keeping up with all of the calls received with ants, roaches and spiders. Pressure changes or any weather pattern



changes is one reason why insects will relocate their habitats. If we have recent storms or weather pattern changes, please keep this in mind when insect activity appears to increase. Turning any exterior lights off will also prevent an increase of insect activity. Spiders prey on other insects, if exterior lighting is on all night, flying insects flock to light, which leads to an increase of spider activity. Cleanliness plays a factor if you want to decrease bug and rodent activity. However, it really doesn't matter how clean or dirty a homeowner is, the insects and rodents will find a way in one way or another. But keeping a tidy and neat home helps decrease the population of unwanted critters.

Announcement - We are sad to announce that Terry Matchinsky is no longer with Mantis Services. We are in the process of seeking a technician to fill his place. In the meantime, our two existing pest control technicians are having to pull the weight of a third technician. We ask that you please be patient during this process. Trouble calls, may take a little longer than usual to schedule.



Our next issue of our seasonal newsletter will be well after the holiday season. As a reminder, our office will be **closed from December 24th at noon and will reopen on January 4, 2027.** With that being said, we combine days on the routes to take the last week of December off. Which means that our days will be heavier. We request that you please try to keep your scheduled day in place and try not to change it, it's difficult for us to find another day to place you on a normal route, it's much harder when we have double the amount of work to perform in one day. Our entire staff and family would like to wish you and your family and loved ones from all over, a joyous holiday season!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

