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Name: _____ Date: _____

Summer Service Invoice

Regular Service Cost: _____

Extra Work Cost: _____

Total Amount Due: _____

Please remit within *30 days of the date of service* to the address shown above. **Please pay from this invoice, but keep this invoice/bulletin for your records.** Thank you.

Comments: _____

Summer Service Bulletin

Your **Summer Treatment** provides:

- 100% Slow Release Fertilizer provides continued strength for your lawn to help fight off insects, diseases and summer stress. Our company performs soil testing to determine your lawn's nutrient levels and design our custom-blended fertilizer to fit your lawn's requirements.
- Liquid Weed Control - is spot-sprayed in every service only where weeds are present and not broadcast over the entire lawn. A sticking agent is also added, which reduces the amount of weed control needed, and keeps the control effective even if there is a rainfall after the lawn service.
- Insect Control - for sod webworms, chinchbugs and grubs.
- Fungicide - is spot-sprayed to control serious diseases that are present, or to prevent diseases that have damaged areas of your lawn in the past.
- Post-Emergent Controls for Crabgrass, Dallisgrass, Foxtail, Goosegrass, Green Kyllinga, Nimblewil, Nutsedge, Stiltgrass and Thistle are spot-sprayed as needed.

Caution:

To avoid possible skin or eye irritation, do not walk without shoes or allow children and/or pets to play on your lawn until the products just applied have been watered in.

Summer Readiness for Fall Work

Certain areas of your lawn may thin out each year because of, summer stress, annual grasses, insects and diseases. Fall is the optimal growing season to reseed and repair your lawn. As part of your regular service, we work to minimize, prevent and repair damage. However, your lawn may need extra work beyond the scope of regular service. Extra work is at an additional cost and may include: core aeration, seed aeration, rolling, verticutting, and top dressing.

What can you do to help your lawn during the harsh summer months?

- 1) Continue using the best watering and mowing practices.
- 2) Give your lawn a good raking to remove dead grasses from any damaged or thin areas. This will encourage regrowth and reduce the amount of extra work that will be required to repair your lawn in the fall.
- 3) After raking, you can fill in any thin or low areas or holes in the turf by adding small amounts of topsoil. This light topdressing can be done by spreading 1/2 to 1 inch of soil into the ground with a garden rake. Soil can be purchased in 40 lb. bags at your local garden center.



Watering Procedures

1. If your lawn has received a 1/2 inch or more of rain after our service application, then the products are properly watered in. If there is no rainfall, then you need to apply a 1/2 inch of water; preferably the day before you mow your lawn, especially if you are not recycling the grass clippings.
2. Be sure that your lawn is watered once a week if there is no measurable rainfall, and twice during prolonged hot spells – soaking the soil to a depth of 4 to 6 inches.
3. Begin your watering program early, before the lawn shows signs of stress, which means less water will have to be applied to replenish any moisture lost in the soil.
4. Preferably water in the morning or early afternoon - just be sure that your lawn has time to dry out before evening.
5. If you have a sprinkler system, you will need to water three times a week because of the amount of time needed to ensure that each zone is properly watered. Please do not set the system to come on the day your lawn is scheduled to be mowed. **Do not have your sprinkler system winterized before November 15th.** If you have any additional questions, a sprinkler system bulletin is available upon request.



Mowing Procedures

1. Wait 24 hours after your lawn service is completed to mow your lawn.
2. Use a sharp blade – dull cuts on grass blades have been proven to cause fungus problems in turf.
3. Mow at the proper height – **We recommend adjusting your lawn mower up to 4 inches for regular-sized lawns or 4 to 4/12 inches for larger lawns.** Mowing the lawn higher will increase root depth, retain moisture longer, and help to reduce weed and disease development. In addition, it makes mulching clippings easier by providing more air space between the mowing blade and the soil. **If you have someone mowing your lawn for you, please make sure to tell him to mow at this height.**
4. Mow with regularity, except during dry periods when your lawn may not require weekly mowing.
5. Alternate mowing directions from cutting to cutting.
6. Mow your lawn only when the grass is completely dry.
7. Grass clippings consist of water and nutrients. **Recycling or mulching clippings returns moisture and nutrients back to the soil, requiring less fertilizer and watering for your lawn.**

Sign Posting:

If a sign has been placed on your lawn, please remove the sign after the lawn products have been watered in or after 72 hours whichever occurs first. Then, properly dispose of the sign or keep it for reuse with the next service.

Email Addresses:

*If you have not already provided it, **please give us your email address or any new or updated email address you have.** Contact us at Finolawn@gmail.com or on 302-792-2201. We are now using email to alert our customers about drought regulations, watering requirements and other crucial issues that arise throughout the season and we want to be sure all of our customers are on our email list.*

Finocchiaro Lawn & Landscape is not responsible for conditions on your lawn which are beyond our control, such as extended high temperatures, drought damage, mandatory watering restrictions (if applicable) and customers not following the watering and mowing instructions which are printed on each service bulletin and available anytime online at our website.

For further information on any of these topics, please ask our technicians or visit our website at www.finolandco.com.