



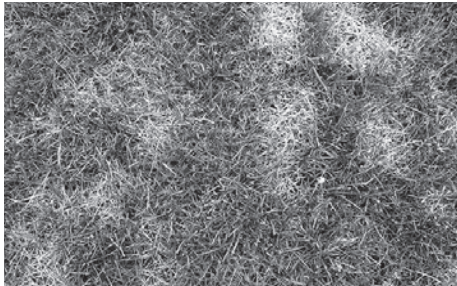
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CHINCH BUGS: NO EASY FIX

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The heat and high temps of July and August aren't the only culprits that take a toll on your landscape and lawn. If your St. Augustine grass is looking sad and

jaundiced, it may be under attack.

Summertime means a lot of different things to people — grillin', fun in the sun, barefoot walks in the lawn and other outdoor activities.

Unfortunately, the hot temperatures in July and August also have a daunting impact on local lawns and landscapes by creating water stress. When St. Augustine lawns in full sun become water stressed in July and August, they fall victim to attack by the Southern Chinch Bug (*Blissus insularis*).

Chinch bugs suck the sap from the grass at the point where the blade emerges from the runner, or rhizome. As they feed on the sap, chinch bugs release saliva into the wound, causing the grass to turn yellow and die.

This yellowing usually begins at a central point and radiates in a circular pattern outward as the chinch bugs expand their feeding area. St. Augustine grass is a chinch bug's favorite meal, but Bermuda and Zoysia grasses may be attacked as well.

Here are a couple of ways to test for chinch bugs in the affected area.

- Drench method: flood an area on the edge of the sick grass with a soapy solution (2 tablespoons of liquid soap to 1 gallon water). If chinch bugs are present, they will emerge from the grass to get away from the soapy water.
- Flotation method: take a metal can with both ends removed and push one end into the ground at the border of the sick grass. Slowly fill with water and see if chinch bugs float up. Repeat for several different areas.

Once you've determined chinch bugs are present, you must target the infestation. To reduce chinch bug populations, treat a 15-foot radius around the damaged area with a liquid insecticide approved for turf grasses. It is NOT NECESSARY to treat the entire yard because a) non-target beneficial insects will be adversely impacted by the treatment, and b) chinch bugs won't be present in the entire yard.

After treatment, you must PATIENTLY rehab the affected turf areas. Do not overwater your grass in an effort to get it back to health because the root system is still recovering from the chinch bug onslaught. Instead, water thoroughly, but infrequently to encourage a deeper, more drought-tolerant root system.

Secondly, avoid over-fertilizing your grass. Too much nutrients in the soil will encourage weed growth as well as place stress on the damaged root system. Aerate the affected turf areas to allow nutrients, water and oxygen to reach the root zone and get those roots back on the road to recovery.

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To submit an article for consideration please email it to townelake@peelinc.com. The deadline is the 9th of the month prior to the issue.

AHFC Junior Hurricanes (JHSL) Registration Now For FALL 2017 Open



The Junior Hurricanes Soccer League (JHSL) is led by professional United States Soccer Federation (USSF) licensed staff and is designed for boys & girls who want to play and have fun in a safe and developmentally appropriate environment. The JHSL program is being offered at multiple locations and in conjunction with CFSA at the Schiel Road Complex.

To learn more about each location and to register please visit www.albionhurricanes.org.

For those wishing only to train, join us in Katy for AHFC Friday Night Academy. Visit Katy Youth Soccer to register for this Friday Fun Program.

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We believe that getting to know the people who live nearby will help us create a sense of belonging and shared identity. We have created a column entitled, "Get to Know Your Neighbors" which we hope will strengthen connections, build trust in our wider community, and contribute to a happier neighborhood for everyone.

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Luncheon Details

Thursday, August 24th, 2017

Networking 11 a.m.

Luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m.

Sterling Country Club

16500 Houston National Blvd.

Houston, TX 77095

Costs \$25 with advanced reservations; \$30 at the door.

Toni Harris Taylor is a motivation marketing coach who helps solopreneurs and sales professionals to take drastic steps to get known, get connected and get paid to earn six-figures in record time. Toni Harris Taylor has over 25 years' experience as an entrepreneur. Although she has suffered great personal losses and business challenges, every time she is knocked down, she turns it around by taking drastic steps. Toni brings a level of professionalism and expertise to her clients helping them to take the necessary steps to rise to the ranks of the Top 6 percent of entrepreneurs.

Toni speaks about effectively using networking to build

relationships, stay connected and get new clients. With over 13,000 social media followers and friends and 5,000 on her email list, Toni knows how to build relationships that have grown her business nationally and globally. Toni shares the strategies she used to grow her business and helps her sales professional clients to achieve six figures in record time!

Toni has a BS degree in Business Management and Entrepreneurship and a Masters in Adult Education and Training.

This month's CYFEN meeting begins with networking at 11 a.m. followed with a prompt 11:30 a.m. start of the program. Luncheons are held at the Sterling Country Club, 16500 Houston National Blvd.

About Cy-Fair Express Network (CYFEN)

Now over 60 members strong, Cy-Fair Express Network's vision is to be a community and national leader for the support of professional women by providing a nurturing environment for business development, networking, education and mentoring. Our members have opportunities to pursue excellence and achieve both local and national recognition. CYFEN is part of the national organization of American Business Women's Association (ABWA), for more information go to www.CYFEN.org.

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Memorial Hermann Health System recognizes the vital importance of volunteers, and the newly opened Memorial Hermann Cypress Hospital is no different. The hospital is now taking applications for its volunteer program.

"Volunteers provide support to our staff so that they can focus on patient care, as well as provide positive interactions with patients and their family members," says Lorena Hurtado, the volunteer services coordinator at Memorial Hermann Cypress. Volunteer tasks range from working at the front desk, to nursing unit assistance, helping discharge patients and much more. Dozens of volunteers have already joined the program, but there are more spots available.

"Volunteering is a great experience. The nurses and staff are so friendly and professional, and many of them live in the area. As a long-time Cypress area resident, it makes me feel even better knowing the hospital is staffed by people who share the same love for this community that I do," says Toni Scott, a volunteer at Memorial Hermann Cypress.

Four-hour volunteer shifts are available seven days a week from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. Adults are asked to complete an application and schedule an interview with the volunteer coordinator. Learn more at: <http://www.memorialhermann.org/locations/cypress/volunteer-at-memorial-hermann-cypress-hospital/>

Cypress Area Food Pantry

Do you know of someone who has trouble putting food on the table? Maybe their employment was suddenly terminated; maybe it's a choice between medications or food; for whatever reason a family can find themselves in a situation where they need a little help.

Fountain of Life Church of God on Mueschke Road runs a food pantry on Mondays from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm and the only requirement is that the client should live in zip code 77433 and west of Skinner 77429. For more information, contact 281-373-9337. Food donations and volunteers are also greatly appreciated.

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