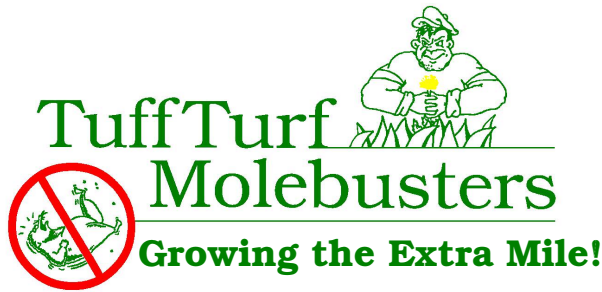




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Yellow Nutsedge

Yellow nutsedge is also referred to as nut grass or swamp grass. It is not a true grass but rather a member of the sedge family. It can be recognized by its erect 3-angled shiny yellow-green grass-like leaves.

Nutsedge reproduces primarily by its underground tubers. The tubers have the ability to remain dormant for 10+ years in the soil then germinate under ideal growing conditions.

Unlike most lawn weeds, yellow nutsedge is not controlled with applications of traditional broadleaf weed control or crabgrass control products. We do have a product that kills yellow nutsedge, but it is not part of our regular program. If only a few yellow nutsedge plants are present, careful hand pulling may be the best way to selectively eradicate the weeds. For best results, begin physically removing the weeds as soon as the plants are observed. Removal of the entire plant including root systems is necessary. Pulling mature plants is difficult because these plants will often break off at the soil surface; allowing the tuber development to continue.



Tubers of yellow nutsedge

Crabgrass

Crabgrass grows very low to the ground. It will first appear in "hot spots" along pavement or in areas of full sun. It will be more severe in lawns that were allowed to dry out in the spring prior to receiving regular irrigation.

When crabgrass and yellow nutsedge emerge, they look a lot alike. Yellow nutsedge will be shinier, have skinnier blades, and stand straight up. Crabgrass will lay flat. Service calls for crabgrass are free. If you have crabgrass, call us and we will kill it for you.



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