## Group tells how to keep your lawn healthy

Have you ever been stung by a fly-by-night gardener who sprayed your crab grass and killed your lawn? To prevent this from happening again, you might want to call the Lawn Sprayers Association of Mich-igan for advice, said Art Brown Genter and manging director of the Secondary of the Company Brown, owner of Great Lakes Lawn Stray, which serves Farmington.

Brown, owner of Great Lakes Lawn Spray, which serves Farmington, Southfield and other cities, maintains the industry is growing rapidly and there's a need for a professional association.

"One of the functions of the association is education." Brown said.
"Lawn sprayers get together and discuss what chemicals work best. We screen members, many of whom have been in business a number of years, and we recommend companies in the customers' areas.

"We also conduct training sessions for employees, and professionals, including myself, are available for speaking engagements at garden clubs as a free service."

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description of what the company you're considering will be putting on your lawn," Brown advised. "Some syngers don't have the balanced formula of nitrogen, potash and phosenous. The formula should aiso contain insecticides and fungicides to prevent problems before they occur." Weed killer materials should be sprayed every month beginning in April, Brown suggested. There should then be four or five applications through August.

"CRAB GRASS germinates when the soil temperature reaches 58 degrees," Brown said. "If you wait until the forsythia falls to spray, you'll be too late. If you have flowers around your lawn, water them after the grass

compose and be re-cycled.

Other tips from Brown are not to mow the lawn after weed and and feet sprays have been applied to allow the weed killer to soak in, don't plant towater your lawn unless the temperature is 75 degrees. If you sprinke the grass right away, you'll wash away the weed killer. Wait at least is to 10 hours to water the lawn.

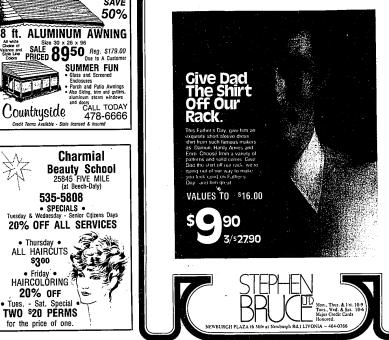
Don't use a power rake on your lawn unlif all so you won't disturb or pull up healthy grass plants which are slow waking up because of winter dornancy, Brown advised.

Grass clippings, Brown said, contain matrietist nitrugen, phosphorous and potash which have been sprayed on the lawn. He suggests they be allowed to



Spraying your lawn has its advantages, but a local lawn sprayers' group say not all sprays are equal. (Staff photo by Gary Friedman)







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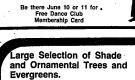
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