CONTROLLING LAWN WEEDS

Those beautiful purple flowers that inundate our farm fields and lawns in the spring are one of the biggest detriments to lawns getting a good start at the beginning of the growing season. This henbit, along with chickweed and dandelions are the big three we have to contend with every spring. What makes controlling these a little tricky is the timing – if you wait until you see the flowers in the spring you are too late for good control. These lawn weeds need to be sprayed in the fall. The best time to do this is after our first hard freeze of the fall. Our average date of our first hard freeze is October 20th, but in my 27 years here I have seen it come as early as September 22nd and as late as December 1st. Not having a hard date on the calendar is probably the biggest bug-a-boo about good home lawn weed control.