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## Greenwood Group Seasonal News

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### Greenwood Group Announces New Ownership -Davis Morgan

On the seventh anniversary of the founding of Greenwood Group, we are proud to announce Jeff Creecy as the fourth owner of our business.

Jeff was originally hired as a Business Developer to help grow our company.



His career with us began in October of 2005, when Greenwood Group was two years old with sales of 1.2 million annually. Jeff immediately excelled, helping grow our client base and revenues exponentially over the last 5 years. Through his efforts, sales now exceed 6 million dollars annually. Not only has he helped grow our business, he has become an integral part of our future success.

Originally from Florence, Alabama, Jeff has lived in the Atlanta area since 2003. He is a graduate of Auburn University with a degree in Landscape Horticulture and

Ag Business. He has volunteered with the Atlanta Apartment Association on different committees for the past four years. He also volunteers with the Community Association Institute of Georgia, currently chairing the Fundraising Committee and volunteering on the Program Committee.

We find Jeff to be a determined, hardworking, and passionate employee for our company. His primary responsibility is generating new business, while maintaining relationships with our current clients. Greenwood Group is proud to have Jeff become a vested owner in our company.

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## Smoked Pork Shoulder

- Brad Jackson

1 – Boneless Pork Shoulder. 6-6 ½ lb.  
Hickory Chips for Smoking  
2 ½ Cups mustard and molasses grilling sauce

### Directions:

Rub the pork shoulder evenly with the rub. Place in a sealable plastic bag and refrigerate for at least 8 hours or up to 24 hours.

Place the pork evenly on the smoker with Hickory chips at 225 deg. For about 14 hours. Transfer the pork to a plate and let cool for 1 hour.

Pull the meat apart into large chunks and place in large saucepan. Stir in the grilling sauce. Set over medium heat until warmed through. Serves 10-12



## Bagworms

- Lee Cunningham

Junipers, Leyland cypress, and cedar trees can be skeletonized in August by bagworms. Examination of a rapidly disappearing shrub may reveal dozens of brown "bags" hanging from the limbs. The bags are made from the plant's needles, and they contain an adult moth's larva, who feasts on the plant's greenery.

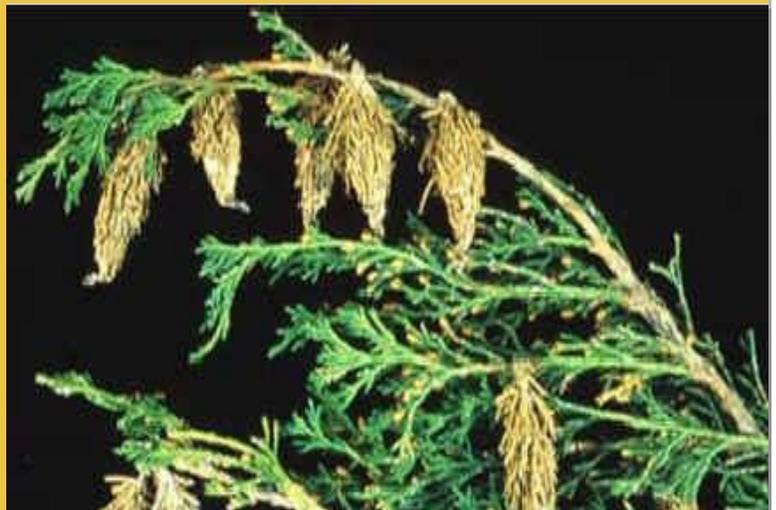
Unfortunately, once the bag is easily noticeable, it is too late to control the pest with insecticides. From August on, there is no solution except hand removal. Wear a long sleeved shirt to avoid being scratched by the needles and scales of the host plant. Make a note to spray *Bacillus thuringiensis* (B.t.) next May or June, when the moths have not yet formed their protective bags.

Q: What if I have a screen of Leyland cypress planted along one side of my property? One of them has a good many bagworm "bags" hanging from the branches. Does it do any good to pull off those bags?

A: It's about the only thing you can do to control bagworms! The bags are full of eggs. When they hatch in late spring, the "worms", which are actually wingless moths, will defoliate more of your Leylands. You won't have much of a screen any more if you let this problem get out of hand. Bagworms are hard to control with insecticides. The best time to spray is once in mid-May and again two weeks later. This is the time when bagworm eggs have hatched but have not yet formed their protective covering.

\*We obtained this Information from Walter Reeves

The bagworm would look like this on your Leyland Cypress:

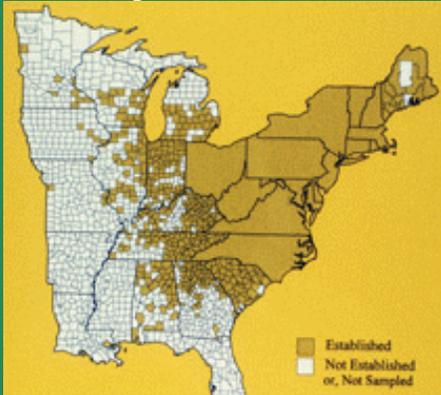


## How much do you know about Japanese Beetles?

- David Tishey

Did you know the first Japanese Beetle was found in New Jersey in 1916? It is thought that beetle larvae entered the United States in a shipment of iris bulbs prior to 1912 when inspections of commodities entering the country began. It is not very destructive in Japan, where it is controlled by natural enemies, but in America it is a serious pest of about 200 species of plants, including rose bushes, grapes, hops, canna, crape myrtles, and other plants.

The best way to reduce Japanese Beetles in your yard is to get them in the Larvae stage. Apply the proper grub control to your lawn around August to reduce numbers next June. Do not fall for placing the yellow bait bags in your yard. Studies have shown these only attract many more Japanese Beetles to your landscape. Shaking the limbs of your crepe myrtles in the morning will knock them off and slow feeding. Other controls include seven powder and various insecticides purchased at your local home improvement store.



## What is this ugly looking weed in my turf?

- Brad Jackson

As we make the turn from spring to summer our not-so-good friend “Crabgrass” appears. The first instinct is to pull it, but wait.. It’s EVERYWHERE!!

Crabgrass can grow in any turf species in Georgia and often in spots where no grass at all will grow. Crabgrass is a sun-loving summer annual. Seed germination begins in spring but can continue throughout the growing season. A good turf program, which includes a Pre-Emergent applied at the correct time in the fall and spring, will help keep this unsightly weed out of our landscape. Finally, maintaining a vigorous stand of desired turf grass along with proper mowing, fertilization and water requirements will keep your lawn “Crabgrass Free”.

Below are a few pictures of Crabgrass. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your Greenwood Group representative.



## Helpful Tips for Homeowners

- David Tishey

Would you rather be worried about your lawn this summer, or more concerned about that family vacation? I'm guessing it's the latter. Here are some great tips you can use in your landscape this summer so you can spend more time enjoying it:

- Take proper precautions for mosquito control. Use repellents when working outside. Take away breeding habits for mosquitoes. Eliminate areas that puddle water. With a new sense of urgency due to West Nile Virus, people should always use some type of mosquito control such as Citronella sprays and candles.
- Remove low limbs in your landscape that impede your

mowing patterns. One fourth of a healthy tree can easily be limbed up now.

- Use soaker hoses to efficiently water your annuals perennials and shrubs.
- Add small pockets of color to your deck or front entrance. Small pots and planters are a great way to make a big impact.
- Prune back hydrangeas around late June or after blooms have faded. This could bring more flowers in the fall.
- Fill in dead circles in your lawn with a mix of sand and top soil. Apply lightly and run a leaf rake over it to spread evenly. This will help hold in moisture and your Bermuda grass will fill in quicker.
- Now is a great time to plant that herb garden. Oregano, rosemary, basil and thyme can be planted in one large pot

and placed for easy access.

- Control fire ants by applying a light application of bait over your lawn. Then apply directly to visible mounds several days later.

These are only a few recommendations. Do not forget, you can call us anytime with help or questions about your yard!

### Affiliations



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