

# What is a four step program?

The Four Step Program, which we carry from both Scott's and Agway, is a lawn fertilizing program that you use for year-round lawn feeding. The program is made up of four fertilizers that each have a specific function: The first step is a fertilizer and crabgrass preventer; the second step is a fertilizer with weed killer; the third step is a fertilizer with a surface-dwelling insect killer; and the fourth step is a fertilizer that prepares your lawn for the winter.

# When should I apply each step?

The first step should be applied in April, or before the forsythia blossoms drop in your area. This application prevents crabgrass from germinating so you cannot put grass seed down for at least eight weeks. Apply just before rain or water your lawn after applying for best results.



The second step should be applied in mid- to late May to control broadleaf weeds. Apply to a wet lawn—by watering, an early morning dew, or after a rain. Fertilizer must adhere to wet weed foliage to insure good weed control. Do not water in or apply when rain is forecast in the next 48 hours. Do not mow lawn for 48 hours after this application. Do not sow grass seed for at least 1 month after applying.

The third step should be applied in mid-August to early September. For optimum surface insect control, apply when rain is expected or water after application. This is an excellent time to seed bare areas.

Finally, the fourth step should be applied in late October to early November after the leaves have been raked off your lawn and after you have mowed for the last time.



There is an alternative first step available (for both Scott's and Agway) that allows you to plant new grass seed at the same time as you apply it, while still preventing crabgrass from germinating. If you desire to plant new grass seed with this first step instead of the regular one, ask for the four step with the new seeding option.

It should be noted that the Four Step Program no longer controls grubs, as it used to several years ago. We recommend applying Scott's Grubex in late June or July for best results (see our Grub Tips section for more information on grub control).

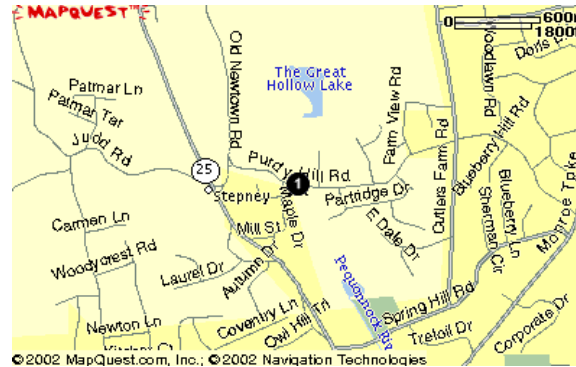
Note: Lime may be applied at any time during the year with these applications. Liming increases the pH of our acidic soil and a correct pH optimizes fertilizer uptake by the lawn. For best results a pH test should be done to see how much lime is needed for you lawn (see our Liming Tips section for more information on liming).



Notes

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