

Garden Notes

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Grass Problems

So much rain over the past month is leading to many issues for turfgrass. When the soil stays consistently wet, turf roots may not get the oxygen they need to be healthy. This can weaken the grass and make it susceptible to soil diseases. In addition, many leaf spot diseases are active on turf blades, making the grass look poor. Lots of weeds like dollarweed, doveweed, and chamberbitter are thriving in the moist conditions. Chemicals will not be as effective under these conditions. Hopefully we can get a break in the rain to allow a little regrowth in turf before our days shorter too much.

Pollinator Favorite

Another tropical plant that we can grow on the Gulf Coast is the Sweet Almond bush, *Aloysia virgata*. This frost tender perennial will grow 6 feet in height and has fragrant white flowers. Once established, it tolerates drier soils in full sun spots. Plant where you can enjoy the many pollinators that visit the flowers.



Citrus Canker

This bacterial disease is present in Escambia County affecting grapefruits, lemons, and limes. If you suspect you have this disease, send us a photo of fruit and leaves. It is easily transmitted.

Learn more about this disease in a [Gardening in Panhandle](#) article.

