

The Buds and Bulbs are Set for a Spring Show

Already looking forward to spring? So are your early flowering trees. Trees like dogwoods, pears and cherries have been forming their buds this fall to prepare for that first burst of color in your spring landscape.

If you're looking to add some color to your spring landscape, now is the perfect time to plant ornamental trees and shrubs. Planting after summer but before the dormant season allows the plant to focus on developing deeper, larger roots in the still warm soil of late fall.

When spring comes, fall planted trees and shrubs will be able to more effectively absorb nutrients and water from the soil to meet the demands of spring's new growth, ensuring a healthy start to the season.

COLOR COMBINATIONS ABOUND

Planting bulbs with your trees and shrubs in mind can lead to stunning color combinations like these pink and yellow tulips that emerged just as white and magenta azaleas filled the landscape.



The possibilities for spring color are endless, shown here by a rainbow of blooming tulips, daffodils and hyacinth, timed perfectly with the canopy of magnolia flowers.



Subtle pairings, like the one created as these few tulips rise out of this patch of pansies can make a big splash. Just look at how the pansies' purple backdrop makes the yellow of the tulip really pop.



Whatever plans you make this fall for your spring show, the anticipation of that first burst of color is sure to make the winter ahead easier to bear.

LAST CALL!



The window to schedule core aeration is closing, so be sure you and your lawn don't miss out on one of the season's most important treatments.

Core aeration is the process of removing thousands of small plugs of soil and thatch from your turf. This corrects soil compaction, opening paths for water and nutrients to get to the roots, which have more room to grow.



The process also reduces thatch buildup, creating a lawn that is less susceptible to drought and disease and comes in thicker and more vibrant next season.

Every lawn, no matter its condition, can benefit from core aeration each fall. There is still time to schedule yours, so act now to ensure your lawn has a healthy, long-lasting growing season next year.