

Late Summer



SUMMERTIME, AND THE LIVIN' IS EASY!

Like every season, summer presents both opportunities and challenges for your landscape. The opportunities are obvious; summer is an important growing season for your living landscape, and we spend more time outside enjoying ourselves in summer than any other season. All things considered, summer can't be beat – there's nothing better than summer weekends or evenings spent relaxing outside. And few landscape additions add an air of peace and relaxation like a water feature, as we discuss in this issue.

But summer also presents challenges, as unpredictable weather, heat waves and unreliable amounts of rain combine to create issues for your landscape. Too much heat and rain can lead to lawn diseases, while too little rain can be detrimental to your lawn, trees and shrubs.

We have been very busy treating lawn diseases since mid-June this season. Call today and get on our schedule before your lawn suffers too much damage.

As always, if there's anything we can do for you, don't hesitate to ask!

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Lawn Diseases: Why do bad things happen to good lawns?

Lawn disease can affect even the healthiest lawns. Like human diseases, many lawn diseases can be hard to diagnose and hard to treat. Fungal lawn diseases are the most common, and most are relatively benign. However, some fungal diseases can quickly destroy an entire lawn.

HOW FUNGAL DISEASES SPREAD

Fungus spores spread easily on lawn mower wheels, shoes, water droplets, and wind. They are almost always present in the soil, waiting for a time when conditions are right to attack. That time is often when the lawn is under stress (during times of excessively wet or dry weather and exceptionally hot or unseasonably cool temperatures). The key is to control the fungus before it gets the upper hand.

AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION...

A simple change in your lawn care practices may be enough to prevent or eradicate fungal disease. Stressed or unhealthy lawns are much more likely to develop disease, so the better you care for your lawn, the better the grass will be able to handle the natural conditions in your area. Improper mowing or watering habits, too much or too little fertilizer, thatch and compacted soil all increase the chances of disease.

At other times nature may deliver a soggy spring or summer heat wave that just can't be helped. Knowing the symptoms and appearance of a lawn infected with fungi will help you take immediate steps to remedy the situation before it gets out of control. Identifying the disease is the key to an effective solution. This can be difficult for all but a trained lawn disease expert. Once identified, fungicides may be an effective way to treat a fungal disease and restore your lawn's health. The goal of treatment is to suppress the fungus long enough to allow the lawn to recover. The healthier your lawn is to begin with, the quicker the recovery.

