

LATE *Spring*



WAKE UP YOUR LAWN WITH A SPRING FEEDING

After a long winter's rest, your lawn can use some help getting back into the swing of things. One way to do that is to provide your turf with a balanced application of fertilizer. The nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium in the fertilizer will promote strong color and top growth, stimulate root development, and increase disease resistance and water retention.

A balanced fertilizer will replenish the nutrient reserves your lawn used up over the winter. Plus, it will jump-start your lawn's growth phase this spring, helping it to green up and fill out before hot summer weather returns.

By promoting a thicker, healthier lawn with spring fertilization, you'll make your turf better able to fend off weeds, insects and disease throughout the growing season.

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PICTURE THE POSSIBILITIES

ANNUAL AREAS

A great way to take advantage of annuals in your landscape is to have specific parts of your property that are devoted to new plantings every year. These plant beds can be large or small. Annual beds that are located in proximity to returning perennials, shrubs, or trees help give your property a new look from year to year, as a rotation of annuals complements returning and maturing landscape elements.



Not all annuals need to be planted in the ground. Flowerpots and larger plant containers are popular and practical ways to introduce a new cast of characters to your landscape every spring. Flowerpots and planter boxes that adorn entryways, porches, or windowsills allow for unique annual arrangements.

VARIETY IS THE SPICE OF LIFE

With the locations established, you now have a wide variety of annuals to choose from. It's easy to think of flowers primarily in terms of their color. Keep in mind that in addition to color, flowers provide a variety of size, shape, and texture that adds character and depth to your landscape. Popular annuals include various colors of geraniums, impatiens, or marigolds. Celosia have

a unique conical, flame-like shape that sets them apart from flowers with traditional petal structures. Dahlia blooms are ornate and colorful balls that are impossible to ignore.

Along with flowers, it's important to consider non-flowering annuals as well. Big, leafy elephant ears and multi-colored coleus add a nice contrast to surrounding flowers. Sweet potato vines are durable in dry weather and create a cascading appearance as they flow up to 36 inches out of their containers.

Annuals allow your lawn and landscape to have a new style and flavor every year. With so many options to choose from, you can let your creativity soar as you piece together this season's landscape.



LANDSCAPING: NATURE'S AIR CONDITIONER

In addition to providing decorative beauty, living landscaping such as trees and shrubs can also be an environmental asset. One of the practical benefits of living landscaping is its ability to cool the areas around it.



First of all, trees and shrubs provide shade. The ancient Romans planted rows of tall, column-like cypress trees primarily for the cool shadows that they cast. To this day, walls and canopies of dense greenery still provide comforting shade to the properties where they reside. This is especially beneficial in urban areas full of concrete that holds onto heat that it gathers in the form of sunlight.

A more complex way that landscaping reduces temperature is through the natural process of transpiration. In transpiration, moisture is transferred from the tree's roots all the way up through the plant structure to the leaves. Tiny droplets of water are released through tiny pores in the leaves, where they evaporate and become water vapor. The heat that is needed to convert the water to vapor is removed from the surrounding atmosphere, cooling the air around the tree.

By providing shade and removing ambient heat via transpiration, trees and shrubs create refreshing comfort that allows you to enjoy your outdoor spaces all summer long.

GETTING A READ ON DIFFERENT WEEDS

Homeowners who care about their turf seek a lawn that is plush, green, and uniform. While this is a worthy goal to shoot for, it's a major challenge to realize. Even as the turfgrass that you've planted thrives, invasive weeds are always trying to make inroads. Weeds compete for the same resources (sunlight, water and nutrients) that your turf needs. A successful invasion can lead to these weeds eventually taking over large areas of turf. Not all weeds are the same, but they can be put into two major categories: grassy and broadleaf.

INVADERS IN DISGUISE

Grassy weeds are (you guessed it) very similar in shape and appearance to your established turfgrass.

Creeping bent grass, goosegrass, and crabgrass are types of grassy weeds that try their best to blend in with your turf. These grassy weeds can quickly take up residence, and they can be extremely hard to get rid of once they begin to spread. Since these invasive weeds are very similar to turf, weed removal must be very

selective to avoid harming the lawn itself. The best treatment for these types of weeds is a selective pre-emergent that stops weed seeds from germinating into viable plants. This stops the germination process while leaving established turf unharmed. The best time to apply these treatments is in the spring, when warm temperatures are setting the growth process in motion. Since these applications stop seed germination, it's important to avoid pre-emergent treatments on newly seeded turf areas.

BROADLEAF BLUES

Broadleaf weeds are the second category of weeds that your lawn will likely encounter. These weeds are leafy, not blade-like. While they vary greatly, broadleaf weeds such as dandelions, thistle, and clover stick out like a sore thumb. The good thing about broadleaves' distinctive features is that they're easy to locate and spot-treat after they've emerged. Some broadleaf weeds are annuals that come back year after year. For these, a lawn-wide pre-emergent in the fall will prevent them from popping up the following year.

Weeds come in all shapes and sizes. Knowing what you're dealing with and acting accordingly can set your lawn up for a long, healthy season free of weedy interlopers.



TAKING THE GUESSWORK OUT OF WATERING

Watering your lawn seems like an easy, straightforward task. The fact that your lawn needs water to survive is obvious. In practice, there are best practices of watering that are sometimes tricky to follow. For the best results, an installed irrigation system can help take the guesswork, and the physical work, out of the watering process.

For irrigation to be effective, the water must be absorbed into your turf's roots. This can be difficult, especially in the middle of a dry, hot summer, when topsoil is hard and resistant to water. A short blast with a high volume can lead to the water simply running off and never soaking in. For water to penetrate your lawn's surface, a long, steady soak is in order.

In addition to the duration of watering sessions, the timing is also important. Watering in the middle of the day, during the hottest hours, is inefficient because a lot of water can be lost to evaporation. When the sun is most intense, water droplets can act like magnifying glasses that will scorch and damage your grass blades. The most efficient and effective time to water your lawn is early in the morning.

While these methods look good on paper, they can be difficult to put into practice. Keeping track of your watering schedule and adjusting according to recent weather can be a hassle. Not too many homeowners feel like dragging sprinklers and hoses through dewy grass first thing in the morning before work. For those who want to give their lawn the best irrigation possible with zero hassle, an installed sprinkler system is the answer. No muss, no fuss. An irrigation system allows you to set your ideal watering schedule and adjust it as needed. Proper watering is essential to the health of your lawn and landscape. An installed irrigation system ensures ideal irrigation while eliminating the work.



Water is essential to your lawn and landscape. Too much OR too little water leads to problems.

DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS FOR SWAMPY AREAS

Your property's ability to manage water is critical to the health of your living landscaping and hardscaping. This ability also ensures that your property is a safe and comfortable place for all who enjoy it.

Excess water can drown or weaken living plants, including turf. Swampy lawns are a muddy and uninviting breeding ground for obnoxious mosquitoes. A working drainage strategy is crucial to ensuring a healthy and usable landscape. Chances are that you as a homeowner have addressed drainage issues at some point. It's important to remember that drainage maintenance isn't a one-time fix but rather an ongoing process.

As landscaping matures, ground settles, and weather takes its toll, drainage is an issue that should be revisited. Areas that had been sufficiently sloped years ago may have flattened out over time so that they no longer drain. After seasons of growth, tree and shrub roots can destroy underground drain pipes, rendering them useless. Drains that are structurally intact are still prone to clogs with various debris.

Drainage effectiveness can deteriorate for a variety of reasons. When it does, the situation will be obvious. If your property is no longer draining properly, a close examination of your drainage system should reveal the specific problem. If you have questions or concerns regarding the maintenance and upkeep of your drainage, be sure to consult with your local landscape professional.



FIGHTING WEEDS WITH HEALTHY TURF



In the quest to rid your lawn of weeds, it's important to remember that the best way to fight invasive vegetation is to prevent it from taking hold. A thin, unhealthy lawn is an inviting setting for weeds to thrive. Exposed soil coupled with weak or compromised turf is an open door to a variety of annual and perennial weeds. A healthy and robust lawn, on the other hand, makes it difficult for weeds to make inroads.

The combination of proper mowing and thorough fertilization and watering practices fosters a vital and weed-resistant lawn. Regular watering throughout the summer gives turf the upper hand when vying for territory against weeds that thrive in hot, dry conditions. A comprehensive fertilization schedule provides the nutrients that your lawn needs to expand and fortify itself year-round. With a steady supply of food and water, weeds will have limited opportunities to make their presence known.

Mowing your lawn may not seem related to weed prevention, but the right mowing habits can be very beneficial. Weeds need sunlight to germinate. Lawns that are mowed too short lack the top growth that shields the soil from the sun. Increased soil exposure raises the lawn's temperature, which impedes turf growth while facilitating weed development. A best practice is to set your mower blades to only remove one-third of the blade height with each mowing.

While herbicides are an important part of lawn care, fostering vital, healthy turf is the best defense against invasive weeds.

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