

Fall 2020



OUR GRASS IS ALWAYS GREENER
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Today Your Lawn Was Treated With:

Today we treated your lawn with fertilizer, iron and broadleaf weed control. The fertilizer contains 25% slow release nitrogen, so it will last thru next May. During the fall, your lawn is getting ready to go dormant for the winter. Fertilizing during this period is vital to provide an extra boost of nutrients that will be stored and used during dormancy. Roots actually continue to grow until the ground freezes. You might see the tips of the grass blade (1/4") turn brown after this application because of the shock to the plant from the heavier rate of nitrogen. When you mow you will cut it off. The iron in this application will give the turf a darker green color without affecting the growth rate. The broadleaf weed control will wipeout all broadleaf weeds this time of the year. Ground ivy (creeping charlie) and violets are very susceptible to herbicides this time of the year. **Please water in this application after 24 hours to get the best results. You may mow after 24 hrs but do not catch or bag the clippings the first time you mow following the application.**

DROUGHT

As a lawn service, when treating or maintaining a lawn, we must always work in and around the weather. The lawns in our area are made up of "cool season variety" meaning these type grasses love cool moist weather. That's why lawns always look their best in the spring, and again in the fall. During the normal hot summer months, they look good as long as they are watered and mowed correctly.

But there are times when the weather is so extreme that all lawns turn brown as we have witnessed with the recent drought. When your lawn turns completely brown it is not dead, it has gone dormant. This natural process actually protects your lawn from dying. Just like in the winter months it goes dormant to protect your lawn from "winter kill."

During these drought times, homeowners may get dissatisfied with their lawn regardless of the type of treatments applied. Nobody can control the weather and there is not a fertilizer in the world, that can keep a lawn green when it hasn't rained for months, plus the temperatures have stayed in the 90's for a long period of time!

The best advice we can give you is to try and water the lawn (if there is not a ban on watering) enough to get it to green up sometime this fall. That together with today's application will have it in good shape to make it through the winter months!

If your yard or parts of your yard haven't greened up by October then it might have died. We can dormant seed in October or seed early next spring. Call us at 732-2395 as soon as you can because the list will fill up fast.

AERATION BENEFITS

- * Improves air exchange between soil and air
 - * Enhances soil water uptake
 - * Improves fertilizer uptake
 - * Reduces water runoff and puddling by 33%
 - * Improves turfgrass rooting
 - * Reduces soil compaction
 - **ENHANCES heat and drought stress tolerance
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Thank You for your business this year

we are looking forward to serving you in 2021!

ANNUAL customers - please fill out the attached sheet for services for 2021

Fall Lawn And Landscape Tips

Water all plants and trees deeply before the ground freezes.

Seed any bare or thin areas by September 20th for germination this fall or seed in late October for spring seed germination.

Remove leaves and debris from lawn areas before the ground freezes.

Do not prune evergreens after mid September.

Lower mower blade so the grass is 2-1/2" high after mowing. Final lawn mowing in October/November should be 2" high.

