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Spring

LAWN and GARDENS "SPRING to LIFE"



Spring is the season when dormant gardens and Lawns come to life. The growing season is upon us, soils are easy to work, and the gently warming rays of the sun tempt us back into the garden. With a little care and imagination – and some expert help from your Jim – you can nurture a vibrant celebration of the miracle of spring in your garden. Spring is a critical time to prepare your lawn for warm, fast growing months ahead. A smart maintenance program and watering schedule will make your lawn and garden more resistant to fungal diseases and heat. Watering wisely before 9 a.m. will help.

JOBS TO DO IN THE SPRING

MARCH ^ف

- Perfect time to prune many plants and shrubs.
- Time to schedule projects such as aerating, fertilizing and topdressing
- Keep debris off lawns and don't step on frozen grass.

- Fruit trees can be sprayed with dormant oil and lime sulphate to reduce insect and fungal problems.
- Weed now before weeds get started, by a quick scuffle hoe weeding every week or two. Your beds will look great all year round.
- Test pH of your garden soils.
- Transplanting and planting of trees and shrubs can be done now.

MARCH PRUNING

- Latest time for maples, alders, birches, hornbeams, hazelnuts, laburnums, beberis, cotoneaster
- Best for most conifers, wisteria, core fruits (apples, pears), coppicing and pollarding of smokebushes, willows, yews and renovate most shrubs.

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- First cut of your lawn is very important. Cutting it just 25% shorter than normal just as, or before, growth starts will encourage health and density.
- Aeration will stimulate root growth, disrupt soil layers, reduce thatch and improve drainage. A dry day is best so book now.



- Power rake if you have than ¾" of thatch. A dry day is best so book now.
- Topdressing and over seeding is highly recommended if power raking is done.
- Moss can be a problem so ask your Jim.
- Fertilizing should be done at least 3 times a year – in late March or early April, June and October. We use a high-grade slow release blend that will ensure a healthy lawn.
- Feed your rhodos and azaleas.
- Mulch hydrangeas with compost or manure.
- Top dress shrubs and fruit bushes with composted mushroom manure.
- Cut back ornamental grasses to 2-3".
- Deadhead and feed spring bulbs after flowering.



MARCH PRUNING

- Dogwoods, eucalyptus, sweetgum, tulip tree, sorrel tree, most oaks, willows, ash, snowbell tree, spirea, kiwi, trumpet vine, groups 2 and 3 clematis, polygonum, butterfly bush.
- Abelia, fig, lady's mantle, witch hazel, hebe, lavender, photinia, pryacantha, sumac, honeysuckle, santolina and, of course, roses.

APRIL

- Never remove more than 1/3 of the lawn's height otherwise you will stress it – you will end up with yellowish grass with shallow roots and weeds will get in.
- Leave bulb foliage to die down in your garden and set stakes and supports for your perennials.
- Keep on top of the weeds before they drop their seeds!

APRIL PRUNING

Evergreen magnolia, camelia right after flowering, mock orange, hibiscus/rose of sharon, pontentilla, forsythia and kerria if finished flowering.

MOSS CONTROL

Moss is caused by low soil fertility, excessive moisture, shade, compacted

soil, acidic soil and poor aeration. The solution to getting rid of moss is:

Use moss killer and then power rake 2 weeks later on a dry day.

On-going program of controls is required to eliminate moss by increasing drainage, removing thatch, aerating, reducing shade, liming if pH is below 6.0, reviewing your irrigation, fertilization and mowing practices with your local Jim.

HEDGES

Conifer hedges are best done twice a year to maintain a dense surface. **Broad-leaved evergreen hedges** (laurels) should also be done twice a year. May and September are best but, if you miss September, October, February and March are fine. **Deciduous hedges** are best done in February or March and again in July or August.

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