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Owner's Corner

By Chris

Mower blades are sharpened, spreaders are filled with fertilizer and clocks are getting set for sprinklers.....We are officially in spring!!! During this month we are mowing, aerating, doing routine landscape maintenance and turning on sprinkler systems. Renewal letters are still coming in and we are making reminder calls. If you haven't signed up for services this season, please call the office so we can get you on our schedule.

Now, sure enough, as we are gearing up we will get hammered with snow (the average last day of snow in Denver is April 27th). Right after Easter we got over a foot of badly needed and very wet snow. Thank you to everyone who called for snow removal service.

We needed this snow storm and any others will be icing on the cake. The lawns have been very dry due to the warm dry winter and now the lawns are looking green and actively growing.

We are seeing lots of Vole and Mite damage this spring. If you have had damage or are not sure, call us so we can come out to evaluate and/or treat it. We want to help you keep your lawn and landscape beautiful so you can enjoy it this spring and summer.

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Turf Care

By Steve

What is soil and why are biologicals important to it?

Soil is a living organism. It's a combination of living cells in an organic and mineral matrix. Soil supports and nurtures life both above and below. 80% of all soil is made up of actinomycetes, algae, fungi and bacteria. (Actinomycetes, as a tidbit of information, give soil its "earthy" smell.) Soil is the base that all plants live in so it needs to be taken care of.

The most important thing to remember about biologicals is that they work on the soil, not the plant. Their job is to help the soil do its job

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Landscape Maintenance

By Scott

Now is the season for planting but with a few cautions. Remember, the average date of the last freeze is May 5th but the latest last freeze on record is June 8th. So plan accordingly.

If you live north of E-470 you can start planting your annuals, perennials, shrubs, and trees as your chance of frost damage is not great.

If you live south of E-470 plan on waiting until the first part of June due to the fact that you face a much greater chance of a freeze at a later date than areas north of you.

What can you do if you still want to plant now and not wait? Be ready to cover your new plants with mulch if the temperature drops to freezing or lower. Covering the entire plant with mulch will keep the temperature

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Do you have a landscaping job you keep thinking about but just can't get started? Can't find a company you trust? Your yard just isn't what you want? Then consider BestYard.com! Our landscaping crews can put in walkways, retaining walls, and lots more! We'll even help design your perfect yard!

From ideas to design to reality! Our landscape department is ready and willing to help you come up with the perfect yard for your family or entertaining. Whether it's adding a walkway or retaining wall or putting in a garden; our landscape people will do it.

Landscaping companies can be hard to find but you don't have to look any further than BestYard.com. Our landscape department is ready and willing to help turn your idea into reality. Call today for an appointment!

Get the yard you've always wanted! Refine your ideas and then turn them into reality! We can help! Call today and get the yard in shape for this summer.

Do you want to enjoy your backyard more this summer? Are you thinking of entertaining with friends and family? If so, BestYard.com can spruce up your backyard or add any landscaping to your property. Make memories in your backyard this season and for many years to come.

Thank you again for your continued business with BestYard.com. Our crews are excited to get outside to make your lawn and landscape the best in the neighborhood.

"To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here."



Rock walls and mulch put in by BestYard.

Irrigation

By Jeff

Have you had a tune up on your sprinkler system?

If not, now is the time to do it. Don't wait for summer and the brown spots to occur before taking action. Call now and let BestYard.com come out and do a tune-up on your system.

You'll avoid the brown spots and save water if your system is running at its peak efficiency.

Call to schedule a tune-up today. Putting it off won't help your lawn.

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better which is actually support for the plants. After all, healthy soil means healthy plants!

Our clay and sandy soils don't have a lot of biological activity or organic matter in them. This is why our soils compact so easily, why they don't absorb or retain water very well and a host of other problems.

So how do we correct these problems? Well, we could rip up everything and do a proper soil preparation so that the lawns had a proper base with the right amount of biological activity and organic matter but we all know that that is a very expensive proposition.

We recommend a different alternative and one that isn't so expensive. First, we recommend aerations. We offer the Double Pass Aeration because it maximizes the plugs and benefit to the lawn. Having a spring *and* fall aeration is the best but lawns need at least one a year. The more plugs, the better the aeration will help the lawn. The \$25-35 aerations are done quickly and usually not a very good job. In addition, good luck in getting repairs done if they accidentally hit a sprinkler head. Remember, you get what you pay for.

Liquid aerations have been getting a lot of talk recently. To put it simply, they don't do the job like a mechanical aeration. I used to recommend biologicals (a much more complete package than is being offered by the companies now) to replace the aeration and then found out that the lawns that improved the best were the ones that did both the aeration and the biologicals. After further study, I found out that the mechanical aeration help the biologicals get into the soil and start working faster. We offer an additive to the fertilizer called Bio Plus. This is a natural product added to the fertilizer and then spread over the lawn. Bio Plus is a natural product made up of a mixture of microbes, beneficial bacteria and fungi that helps to balance, loosen and allow better water and air penetration and circulation. Bio Plus will also slowly push the aerobic zone down deeper into the soil allowing a deeper healthier root system.

I would like to go into the subject of biologicals more but space is limited so hopefully this gives you an idea of what soil is, what biologicals are and how they help your lawn.

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form reaching freezing. If it's a tree or shrub, just mulch around the base to protect it.

Let BestYard.com help with design and installation of your gardens and landscape. Our highly experienced staff will walk you through with ideas and suggestions to get the landscape that you want and can enjoy.

Plus, we will break it down into manageable parts at your request. That allows you to do it all at one time or have it done in more affordable parts.

We're here and ready to help you!



Mowing

By Steve

Mowing seems like a simple enough task and for the most part it is. But how many of us actually take the time to do proper edging and trimming to make it look really special?

I know I have a hard time doing that with my own lawn. I have other things I would rather do than take the extra time to get things looking right.

BestYard.com takes the time to do the job like it should be done. Our crews are trained to mow, edge and trim so that your lawn looks its best all the time.

We also watch and make sure that you get the right mowing height. Many people don't

realize that after mowing bluegrass should still be 2 ½ - 3" tall. This is crucial for a strong healthy lawn that will develop a deep healthy root system. Cutting a lawn short ("scalping") will damage a lawn more than help it. A lawn should never be cut extremely short.

When fall comes around the grass can be cut a little shorter but just enough to keep it from lying down when snow falls. This is generally around the 2" mark. This should allow it to stand up when it snows but still keep enough of the blade to start in the spring. Never mow short in the spring!

News and Information Spotlight

By Steve

Aurora

Go to:

<http://www.auroragov.org/AuroraGov/Departments/AuroraWater/index.htm>

and click on e-services. Click on golf and get information on Aurora golf courses.

Parker

Are you interested in seeing how Parker brings water to your home or office.

Tours are offered and all the information can be found at:

<http://www.pwsd.org/tours.php>

Denver

Putting in a new lawn and need information on soil amendments?

Go to: <http://www.denverwater.org/> and click the "+" on customer information and then click soil amendment. You'll get a complete list of requirements and approved products that can be either viewed or printed.

Castle Rock

Links to the Tri-County Health, CDC, and Colo Dept of Health for more information on the H1N1 virus can be found at:

<http://www.crgov.com/>

Centennial & Highlands Ranch

For Best Management Practices (BMP) for Irrigation Installation and Operation,

Go to: http://www.highlandsranch.org/06_wsan/06_wsan_pdf/BMP_2009.pdf

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