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Owner's Corner

By Chris

Happy Holidays everyone!!!! Well, we are ending the 2009 season with a bang. We are still hanging holiday lights for friends and families in the area. Holiday light requests are up this year so give us a call so we can brighten up your home for the holidays.

In addition to lights, we have added more openings to our snow removal business. We now have openings in Parker and Castle Rock. So if you are going to be out of town or don't want to shovel your driveway and sidewalks, give us a call so we can send you a snow removal contract. By signing a contract, you are locked in to have your snow removed before any new customer calls in.

The snow came early for us this season, but we are still doing fall/winter cleanups. If your leaves have finally fallen or your plants need trimmed back for winter, call us to get on our schedule to have a cleanup done on your lawn and garden areas. In addition to landscape cleanups, we are now offering gutter and window well cleanings. If your gutters are clogged and your window wells have lots of leaves and debris, we will come out over the winter to clean them out for you.

We are also finishing up our last round of BestCare and 2009 Mite application. So be on the lookout for Steve to come out and apply our winter fertilizer on your lawn to help feed it through the winter so you can have a jumpstart in the spring and have a beautiful green lawn. Also, remember that in February we will apply our second round of Mite application. This will insure that you don't have mite damage to your lawn this season.

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Landscape Maintenance

By Laurie

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By this time most of the garden has been “put to bed” for the winter. This means the perennials have been cut back, annuals have been removed, mulch has been added, and any other maintenance chores have been completed. December is the time to protect the grafted roses. These are the formal tea roses, such as Peace and Mr. Lincoln. Shrub roses are very hardy and do not need any extra winter protection. Rose collars are placed around the roses and then any mulch material such as straw, leaves or wood mulch is added. The idea is to protect the graft from any severe freezes and temperature fluctuations. It is important to wait until the ground is frozen or almost frozen so all growth

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Mites lay their eggs over the winter on South to Southwest facing lawns. Come spring the eggs will hatch and start eating the root system of your lawn. When they do this, they leave large bare spots in your lawn that have to be over seeded or replaced with Sod.

So don’t wait until spring to see if they did damage to your lawn. If your lawn faces that direction, call us to get on our schedule to have Steve come out and spray for Mites.

For more information on Mite damage, refer to our website under the lawn care section.

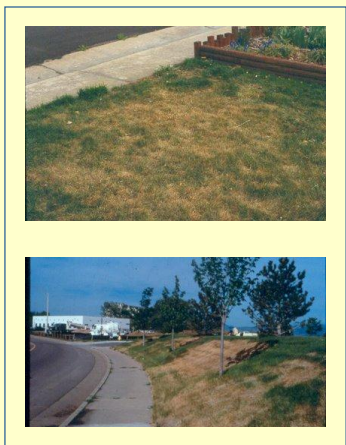
I want to personally thank everyone this season and year who helped BestYard.com become the “Best in Parker 2009” winner in Lawn and Garden Care. By allowing us to take care of your lawns and gardens we were able to help you have a “BestYard.”

This was a challenging year for everyone and again I want to thank you for choosing BestYard.com for all your lawn, garden, lighting and snow removal needs.

We are looking forward to the new 2010 season and you will see and hear some great things to come for the next year. So keep an eye out for your renewal letters to come out in January.

Happy Holidays,

Chris



Common mite damage

Turf Care

By Steve

Most people believe there is nothing more to do with their lawns for the year. If you have lived in Colorado for any time you may know that there is really much to do during the winter months.

First and most important is Winter Watering. We talk about it but without a sprinkler system up and running most people don't do it.

Yet this simple step helps keep a lawn healthy over the winter and helps it green up better in the spring. For further information, call the office and talk to me.

Normally, insects are of no problem in the winter as they die off but mites are a separate and distinct issue.

We perform two separate sprays for mites using both a miticide and ovacide. Miticides kill the live active mites while the ovacide kills the eggs. The two sprays cover the mites main activity periods and should keep your lawn from being damaged by them.

Mites favor the southwest facing lawns especially when they have any type of slope. They also like the south side of evergreens and can damage smaller areas within about 2 feet of the tree.

Mites are extremely small and look like moving dust specks. If you suspect that you have mites in the lawn, take a white piece of paper, carefully take hold of a small bunch of grass at the bottom near the ground and pull it up carefully. Mites are easily dislodged so pull it up as carefully as you can. Shake and tap this grass over the white paper and then watch for movement. Do this on a warm calm day.

One other problem is that mites are so small they can get around window seals and enter the house. This commonly occurs on south facing walls.

It is fairly easy and safe to stop the mites from moving further into the house. Use a mix of equal parts flour and crushed cloves and sprinkle it in about a 1 inch strip along the window ledge. When the mites crawl through this strip, they die. The best part is that it's effective and safe.



Banks mite.

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remains dormant. BestYard can provide the rose collars or you can find them at any garden center. They can also be made from wire mesh such as chicken wire or hardware cloth. One more winter project that should be done is winter wrapping young trees. BestYard can take care of this, too. Winter wrap protects young trees from freezing temperatures. During the day the south side of the tree's trunk is exposed to the warm sun rays that can activate the sap. At night, the temperatures drop to below freezing and cause the sap to freeze. The damage is not apparent until spring or summer when the bark may split.

This may not kill the tree but can cause scarring and may create an opportunity for bacteria and fungi to enter. Winter wrap can also serve some protection from deer damage.

If you have any questions about winter rose care or winter wrap please call BestYard. Our gardening experts will be glad to answer your questions and take care of your roses and young trees so they will remain healthy and vibrant for many years to come.

News & Information Spotlight

By Steve

Parker

Local businesses offering coupons

<http://www.parkercolorado.net/parker-colorado-coupons.htm>

Highlands Ranch

Visit the Mansion News Center

<http://www.highlandsranch.org/mansion.html>

Denver

National Western Stock Show Jan 9-24, 2010

<http://www.nationalwestern.com/nwss/home/home.php>

Castle Rock

Their Culture and Events Page

<http://www.crgov.com/index.aspx?nid=672>

Aurora

Just go to their main page, it's all there for the holidays

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

And take a look at The Fox Arts Center, plenty happening there

<http://www.auroragov.org/AuroraGov/Departments/LibraryAndCulturalServices/CulturalServices/FoxArtsCenter/index.htm>

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