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Owner's Corner

By Chris

This has been one exciting summer! I hope everyone reading this is enjoying their summer as much as I am.

We have had high temperatures mixed with lots of rain which translates into lots of weeds. The weed pressure has kept us on our toes and working to keep up with their growth.

The other side of all the rain and high temperatures is the home owners that are cutting back or turning off their water. We're not advising people to do that. In our arid climate it takes very little time for the lawn to turn color from lack of moisture. Please call us with any questions you have on watering your lawn. We are advising people to add time to their zones to make sure their lawn

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Turf Care

By Steve

With all the rain we have been getting, weed pressure is very high right now. Weeds do very well when there is plenty of water followed by warm weather and weeds are doing really well in rocks right now. We know how many weeds are out there and are working hard to get them under control.

We are continuing to work on our top of the line BestCare Organic. I worked with an organic pre-emergent that had good results. The biggest problem was the cost. If we get that resolved then we will be ready to offer it to our customers. As a pre-emergent, it won't get all the weeds but it will help cut down on the numbers that grow.

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Landscape Maintenance

By Laurie

The biggest story this summer is our wild weather and the hail damage that ruined many flower beds and pots as well as stripped the leaves off shrubs and trees. Fortunately most of these plants will grow back new leaves and flower once again. The only thing to do aside from starting over is to be patient and give a little extra care by fertilizing and watering as needed. Nothing can be more upsetting than seeing all your hard work totally destroyed in just a few minutes.

If your garden has not been hit by hail then it is probably thriving with these wonderful frequent afternoon showers. Try not to overwater during this rainy period. Plants tend to produce longer shoots and will fall over with the weight of the flowers. Adjust your sprinkler system or just manually water your plants.

Now that we are in the mid-summer season our early summer and spring flowers, such as columbines, geraniums and salvias have finished blooming and are probably looking a bit leggy and may start to yellow. At this point you need to cut back the plant almost completely to the ground. The plants will spring back in a few weeks with new foliage and may produce a few more flowers.

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is getting adequate moisture. If you see a gray tint to your lawn, that's the first sign of drought stress!

If you need assistance with making sure that your sprinkler system is working properly, call our office to schedule an appointment with Jeff, our sprinkler tech.

You've heard it before and we have to say it again. We are still seeing a lot of active chinch bugs in the lawns. If you see yellow or dead spots in your lawn, call us immediately. Keep in mind that until they're stopped, chinch bugs will continue to damage your lawn. We can stop them! If there is already damage to the lawn, we can help you get your lawn back into shape by over seeding or laying sod.

That's it for this newsletter. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

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Fall Cleanups
are just around
the corner.
Forecasts are
predicting a wet
winter which
makes cleanups
much more
necessary.

Mowing

By Steve

I have to admit it. I am very pleased that our top people from last year decided to join us again this year.

This means that our crews are not a bunch of new people but people that have experience from last year and they're the cream of the crop taking great pride in their work and doing the job right.

I have also made the step of keeping everyone on the same routes so that you will see the same people every week and they know your lawn. So if there is any concerns I need talk to only two people that are assigned to your lawn. Things work smoother that way and you get a better job.

This year has been an interesting year when it comes to mowing. For a while there our routes were being moved back a day due to rain shutting down the crews. Please remember that if there is rain during the week, we move mowing days back by one day for each day of rain. The crews will work hard to catch up but we may mow Friday and Saturday if necessary.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about your mowing, call our office so we can address the situation and correct it.

All mowing crews are doing a great job of watching the lawns and letting the office know of any observations they have made of your lawn. This allows us to actively get out and check your lawn before a small problem becomes a big problem.

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I saw an interesting thing last year and again this year. One of our customers has trouble with rabbits. Instead of using the sprays to chase them away, they laid out chicken wire! I was curious to see if it would be effective so kept an eye on it. They have not had a rabbit problem in this area either of these years. So is there a downside? Well, minor in my opinion, you have to pick it up to mow underneath. I figure that the rabbits don't like getting their feet caught in it so they avoid it. Simple and it works!

If you have a different way of handling a lawn problem, I would be interested in hearing about it. Let me know what the problem is and then how you handled it. Be as detailed as you want. Email it to customer_service@bestyard.com. In the subject line, put Attn: Steve. Pictures would be great if you have them, especially if you have before and after pictures.

Next month, Look for some new pictures of lawn problems with information of what causes it and how we correct it.

Fall Aerations

Aerations are too important to wait.

Aerations help loosen soil, improve water and air penetration and circulation and more!

Call today to get yours ordered!



Last Month we asked if you knew this insect. Well, this guy is generally a problem near the edge of lawns. This is an adult and larval stage of the Billbug.

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Lastly, we will be taking bulb orders in August. Let us know if you would like us to order some for you. We have an excellent source for a large variety and high quality Dutch bulbs. We will plant the bulbs this fall so you can look forward to early color in spring or even late winter. It is always a thrill to see some sign of life after a long cold winter.

Irrigation

By Jeff

With all the rain you would think that I wouldn't have much to do.

Not true.

I am still busy working on systems that are creating problems in the lawns. Usually I end up adjusting heads, looking for obstructions and correcting problems in older systems.

I'm often asked how often systems should be checked and adjusted. The answer is simple. Check and adjust your system once a year in the spring. Make sure coverage is adequate and you're getting enough penetration. If the water is not getting down in the soil, it isn't doing your lawn any good.

Keep in mind also that the rain we've been getting falls fast for the most part which causes a lot of runoff instead of absorption.

This makes it crucial that you supplement with additional watering to make sure your lawn stays green and enjoyable this year.



Avoid drought stress by keeping your sprinkler system adjusted correctly.

August 20, 2009

That's your deadline to order bulbs for your garden.

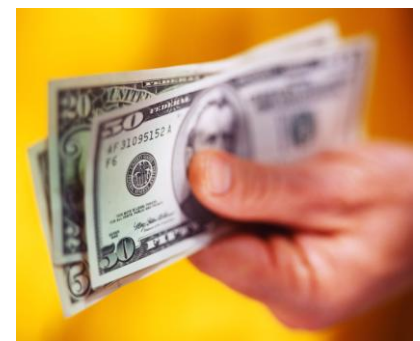
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News & Information Spotlight

By Steve

Aurora

Lot of information on this page! National Night Out, Concerts, Public Meetings, and more...

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

Also Civic Green Park Functions:

http://highlandsranch.org/01_home/01_pdf_files/2009CGPCalendar.pdf

Highlands Ranch

Event Calendar highlighting special events for the rest of the year.

http://www.highlandsranch.org/08_ginv/08_2events.html

Castle Rock

Tired of Door to Door Solicitors? Take a look here for information on the No Knock List:

<http://www.crgov.com/Page.asp?NavID=1137>

Parker

The ORIGINAL Unofficial Town of Parker Page published by your Parker CO Neighbors

<http://www.parkercolorado.net/>

Denver

Information on recreation at various Denver operated reservoirs

<http://www.denverwater.org/Recreation/>



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