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Owner's Corner

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Well it's been a rather warm winter this season. It has been nice to have good weather; however we are gearing up for a unique spring. Without all the moisture that we normally get in winter, our lawns are very susceptible to pests and weeds. In our last letter, we recommended to do some winter watering on your lawn and plants. We also just finished our February treatment for Mites. If you haven't renewed with us this season, call us immediately so we can treat your lawn this season.

This month we are going to be doing our deep root feeding and watering on your shrubs and trees. If we haven't heard from you, please call us ASAP. We are seeing some trees and shrubs around town and the neighborhoods die due to lack of the moisture.

We will be activating your sprinkler systems the first week in April. With the warm weather, we are going to start this service 2 weeks early. If we ever get a snow storm this spring, make sure you wrap your backflow

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Turf Care

By Steve

To say that this winter is an interesting one would be an understatement! It seems we either get too much snow and cold or like this winter, hardly any snow and warm temperatures.

So what does that mean for your lawn?

The main thing is that your lawn is going to be under a lot more stress. Stress translates into more danger of attack from disease, insects, weeds and winterkill. These are always a concern but become more of one in stressful years like this. Always remember that pests are opportunists and will use every opportunity to attack a plant that is having problems. This is why we always work to reduce stress on your lawn and keep it healthy.

What you can do is very simple. Keep an eye on your lawn and if you see

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Landscape Maintenance

By Scott

This winter has been really interesting. The temperatures that we have been seeing is going to cause problems and concerns. There is still a lot that can be done at this time of the year regardless of the temperature and crews are already out doing these things.

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Cut back ornamental grasses and perennials left standing over the winter.

Bulbs are blooming due the high temperatures. Cover their base with mulch to help protect them from the cold temperatures that are sure to come.

After a heavy snowfall, knock snow off tree branches and shrubs to prevent breakage.

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with foam or blankets and plastic trash bags. If you would like us to do that for you, call the office and we would be happy to assist.

As for aerations this spring, please hand water your lawn for 3 days before we aerate. This will insure that we pull good size plugs for your lawn. As mentioned above, we are turning on your sprinklers in April, but for those we can't get to before we aerate, we would like you to water your lawn. Since it has been so dry, this will affect how well we pull aeration plugs for your lawn. If we can't pull good plugs, we won't be able to come back once we have started aerations.

As for mowing your lawns, we will also start those around mid April to ensure you get 28 weeks of mowing. Even if your grass isn't growing those first few weeks, we will still send our crews out to start mowing your lawn. We do this, because we are building our mowing routes for the season. Colorado is known for its early spring and late fall dormancy on your lawn. If you haven't signed up for mowing season yet, call us ASAP so we can get you on our schedule and your mowing day is reserved.

We are excited about this 2009 year and look forward to making your lawns and landscape the best in the neighborhood.



We're ready for snow removal.

News & Information

By Steve

Aurora

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

Under *Information & Education Water*, Click *Events*. This will take to information on the High Line Canal Clean Up on March 21st.

Denver

<http://www.denvergov.org/TabId/37910/TopicId/1011/default.aspx>

Click on *Tree Care & Protection* for information on Approved Tree Contractors, how to report damaged or dead trees.

Parker

<http://www.parkeronline.org/>

Information on new tennis programs, phone book recycling, and citizen police academy.

Castle Rock

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Castle-Rock-CO/Town-of-Castle-Rock/49181533768>

For Castle Rock's Facebook Page OR

<http://twitter.com/crgov>

For Castle Rock's Twitter Page

Highlands Ranch/Centennial

http://www.highlandsranch.org/06_wsan/06_wsan_home.html

Go to the right column under *Newsflash*, Click on *2009 Lunch & Learn Workshops* to see the list of workshops open to the public.

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anything that doesn't look right, call us immediately so we can check the lawn and see what is happening. Early detection is the key to preventing damage. Things that are easy to control when they're small do damage that requires repair work when left to grow bigger. So when in doubt, call so it can be checked out.

Our biggest concerns this spring continue to be mites and winterkill. If you have a lawn facing south or west then you need to be concerned about both of these problems. We have finished the first batch of mite sprays and will be finishing up the second within a short time. If you aren't sure whether you need the mite spray then call us and we'll help you make the decision (no, it isn't always "yes", sometimes a lawn doesn't need it).

This month I would like to open this up to questions from you. I write about things I believe will be of interest but I'm sure that I won't think of all the questions out there. So if you have a question, send it in. I'll take some time and get you an answer and who knows, you might see it in one of the columns here.

Until next month's newsletter, winter water to help your lawn through these dry warm months.

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Remove tree wraps!

Apply horticultural oil sprays, now and throughout the season, to control insects, diseases, and powdery mildew.

Begin preparing soil in new beds and borders.

Spring is a great time to plant vegetable gardens and seeds.

Don't Forget!

Schedule your Spring Clean Up Today!

Best Neighbor Program

Here at BestYard.com we realize that our **Best** advertising comes from our customers. That is why we work so hard to make sure that you are more than satisfied with our service. That is also why we started the Best Neighbor Program; to thank you for your confidence and trust in our work.

Here's how it works:

Each time you refer a neighbor and they sign up for one of our programs, we will say thank you with \$25.00 in BestBucks. BestBucks can be used to pay a bill, try a new program, or give as a gift for someone else to try us out.

There is no limit on how many neighbors you can refer so feel free to talk to them and make sure they know to mention your name when they talk to us. Wouldn't it be great to pay for your entire season's work just by talking to people about BestYard.com?



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