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## Owner's Corner

By Chris

Fall clean ups are in full swing but there is more you can do to protect your investment in shrubs and trees. What is even better is it's simple and inexpensive.

Mulch is a way to beautify your home and protect your plants and trees. By adding mulch you help protect the plants from frost damage, help conserve moisture in the root zone, and it definitely looks nice.

Mulch rings around your new or mature trees helps them also. It removes competition for nutrients and water (especially grass), improves air penetration and circulation, looks nice and helps keep your trees healthier.

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## Turf Care

By Steve

We're coming close to the end of the season but are still actively putting down fertilization. The most common question we get is why are we fertilizing at this time of the season.

The answer is simple. Grass may go dormant above ground but the roots stay active for quite a while longer. The roots take this fertilizer and use it to spread and to store it for use in the spring to help the lawn wake up greener and healthier.

November is the month that we spray susceptible properties for mites. If you have any questions about your property, make sure you call and check with us. Most susceptible properties are facing south to west and especially if they have a slope.

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## Landscape Maintenance

By Laurie

We have just witnessed why gardening in Colorado is such a challenge. Last week we were in the middle of a blizzard and this week we are setting records for warm temperatures.

The good news is that all the snow has melted and soaked into our lawns and flower beds. Plant roots need a damp soil to survive the winter months ahead. To maintain that moisture we can add a fresh layer of mulch or compost. Another good idea is to mulch the leaves on your lawn instead of raking. This will recycle nutrients back into the soil as well as help retain moisture. We will continue to cut back perennials and remove excess debris to prevent harboring any insects, diseases and molds.

Another step to do for preparing for winter is to winter wrap any young trees. This will prevent sunscald on the thin bark. Please call us if you would like us to add more mulch or compost to your beds and if you have any young trees needing a winter wrap.

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Do you love holiday lights like I do? Are you too busy? Are there trees you always wanted done but don't have the tools? Don't like being on the roof? We can spice your house up for the holidays! There is still time to schedule a quote and have the lights on your house by November 30<sup>th</sup>!

We are accepting new customers for snow removal. Save your back and we'll get the snow off your drive and walkways. Customers with snow contracts are done before anyone else. Call for further details.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family and friends!

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*This is NOT a proper tree Wrap...*



*This is what we're talking about!*

## Mowing

*By Steve*

Since the mowing season is over now is the time to get your mower some basic maintenance. Things like sharpening the blades, changing oil, lubing cables..

Sharpening blades should normally be done by a certified technician. Balance is very important and can do damage to the mower if not done right (Believe me, I know this from experience). Also, if the blade is badly worn it needs replacing.

Gas should have a stabilizer added and run through your mower to help avoid difficulties next spring starting the mower.

Oil should be changed. Your owner's manual will tell you the proper oil to use and the correct amount to put in. Most shops will charge a very nominal charge for this service and gives you the comfort of knowing it was done right.

Cables and adjustments will be covered in your owner's manual and will help keep things running the way they should.

If you don't feel comfortable doing these things, make sure you find a reputable firm and have them take care of it for you.

Just a few simple things to help you have an easier and more enjoyable lawn next spring.

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Winter Watering is crucial to a healthy lawn in our dry climate. Winter water keeps the roots moist and alive. If the roots dry too much, then we can have winter kill or mite problems.

Winter watering is simple to do. Just follow the instructions below:

1. Winter watering is done about every 3-4 weeks of no measurable precipitation. More often on the hotter drier areas that face south or southwest.
2. Pick a warm day (50+) and start early. This allows water to soak into the soil before the nightly freeze.
3. A normal watering is all that is needed. You do not have to saturate the soil. If you hand water, just use your best judgment as to how much you need.
4. As always, if you are uncertain or just want to discuss it further, make sure you call me and I'll be happy to go over it with you.

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## News & Information Spotlight

By Steve

Parker - The holidays are almost here and there is a lot happening. Go here for the schedule of events:

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

Aurora - Calender of events for what's happening.

<http://apps.auroragov.org/apps/CommunityCalendar/Special%20Events.cfm>

Castle Rock - The 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Star Lighting Ceremony is Coming:

[http://www.castlerock.org/events\\_guide.asp#74](http://www.castlerock.org/events_guide.asp#74)

Highlands Ranch & Centennial - Holiday Celebration:

[http://www.highlandsranch.org/08\\_ginv/08\\_ginv\\_pdffiles/HC\\_flyer09.pdf](http://www.highlandsranch.org/08_ginv/08_ginv_pdffiles/HC_flyer09.pdf)

Centennial - Take a look at their newsletter:

<http://co-centennial.civicplus.com/index.aspx?nid=32>

Denver - Here is the event page for Denver!

<http://www.denver.org/events>

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