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Owner's Corner

By Chris

Greetings everyone!!! It is now officially Fall. As you all know it is getting pretty cold outside. The change of the season is upon us. Leaves are turning beautiful colors and starting to fall from their trees. It is great living in Colorado.

This time of the year at BestYard.com, we are running on all cylinders. We have finished mowing; doing aerations and sprinkler blowouts; starting fall cleanups; continuing our weed control and fertilization; start hanging holiday lights and getting ramped up for snow removal. You will see multiples crews out performing services to get your yard ready for winter.

I know I have mentioned holiday lights before, but now is the time to call the office and setup an appointment with me to discuss holiday lighting decor for your home this season. We are going to get started this month re-installing our customers exciting holiday lights. This will allow us to have more time for the new installations we have this season. What a great way to end this year by adding some extra holiday cheer to your home for your family and friends.

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Turf Care

By Steve

I am taking this time to address the most common question I get this time of the year.

“My sprinklers are off. Is this service really necessary?”

Our entire program is set up to take care of your lawn and give you the “bestyard” possible. Keep in mind that even when the grass goes dormant the root system is still active. Until the soil temperatures drop enough, the roots will stay active and growing.

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Deer damaged tree



Example of a wrapped tree

Landscape Maintenance

By Scott

Preparing your landscape for winter

Mulching - Mulch your garden beds for plant insulation. Depending on your budget you may want to mulch the entire bed or just around the shrub. It is important to mound the mulch around the base. This will insure the survival of new or existing shrubs and perennials. This will keep the frost from damaging root systems. In the spring it will be safe to remove.

Pruning Shrubs -Pruning shrubs is important to keep growth under control and ensure more buds. There are certain times in the year to trim/prune depending on the shrub. For example, a spring blooming shrub should be trimmed in the fall and fall blooming should be trimmed in the spring.

New Trees - New deciduous trees installed during the summer should be

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We have been getting a lot of requests for our snow removal service. If you are interested in receiving a price list and contract to review, please call the office. We are going to schedule our snow removal customers on a first come, first serve basis. The customers that sign up for snow removal get priority over the new phone calls that will come in over the winter. So, don't hesitate!!! Get on our list today, so we can help take care of you this winter.

Fall cleanups are also right around the corner. There are lots of preparations that we will discuss in our landscape maintenance section to make sure your beds, plants and trees are prepared for the winter.

Call the office to get your sprinklers winterized this fall. We are scheduling blowouts right now. So don't hesitate or you might have the Colorado winter do some damage to your sprinkler system.

As many of you know this Spring was a horrible season for Mites. They hit Colorado lawns really hard this year. We will be servicing those clients to make sure you always have the bestyard in the neighborhood. We will be treating those lawns that are susceptible to Mites in November and February.

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. We are looking forward to getting your lawn and home ready for winter.



Winterize Now To Avoid This!

News and Information Spotlight

Do you have something special happening in your area or school, let us know so we can post it here for others to see!

Parker - Parker has its own newsletter in PDF format. Go to:

<http://www.pwsd.org/pdf/Conservation/PWSDWaterLine.pdf>

Parker also offers online bill viewing and paying.

Castle Rock - Bison Park opens Nov 1. Grand opening will have inflatable games for the kids, tennis and football games for adults. Go to:

<http://www.crgov.com/News.asp?NewsID=1310>

Aurora - Would you like to see how water is treated? Aurora offers tours of the water treatment plants and talks about other self guided tours at:

<http://www.auroragov.org/AuroraGov/Departments/AuroraWater/043121?ssSourceNodeId=602&ssSourceSiteId=621>

Denver - Denver has a customer survey for structuring water rates in 2010 and beyond. It's only open until Oct 31! Go to:

http://www.surveymeonline.com/denver_water/dw_sep_2008.htm

Centennial & Highlands Ranch - Watch a short video (2 min 50 sec) of the South Platte Reservoir Grand opening at:

http://www.highlandsranch.org/06_wsan/06_wsan_home.html or read more at:

http://www.highlandsranch.org/06_wsan/06_wsan_pdf/south_platte_reservoir_facts_may_08.pdf

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The roots can still absorb and store nutrients for use in the spring.

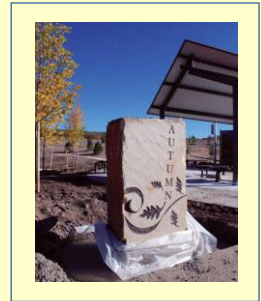
This means that the lawn will wake up earlier and greener. It's the main reason for the winterizer fertilizer being put down so late in the season. We don't want the grass to use it for growth, we want the roots to store it for the spring.

So yes, the fall and winter service provides your lawn with necessary and needed nutrients that the turf will store and use in the spring giving you a greener and healthier lawn.

The other part of my column I would like to explain winter watering and why it's important.

Winter watering should be done every 3-4 weeks that we *don't* get any measurable precipitation during the winter months. More often if your lawn faces the west, south or combination of the two, especially if it slopes.

To winter water, choose a warm day and start early to give the water time to soak into the soil before nighttime freezing temperatures. You don't need to water heavy. Put down enough water that it soaks into the root zone to help keep the roots moist which helps avoid winterkill in the lawn.



Grand Opening of Bison Park in Castle Rock Nov 1st.

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wrapped for the winter. A tree wrap will ensure the tree's bark from becoming sun burnt in the winter sun. Just as a skier goes up to the mountains and comes back sunburned, your tree will be sunburned by the sun reflecting off the snow. Tree wraps will also keep deer from damaging the bark from rubbing their antlers on it. Tree wraps only need to be wrapped on the main trunk, not branches.

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Bulbs - Now is the perfect time to plant bulbs to create the color in your beds in the springtime.

If you have any questions about your gardening needs or wish to order your bulbs with us, give me a call at 720-851-7550.

Irrigation

By Jeff

Sprinkler blowouts continue.

If you haven't had your sprinkler system blown out, wrap it in old blankets or insulating material. This will help protect your system from minor cold spells until it can be blown out.

If you haven't scheduled your system to be blown out, call NOW to get on our list. Time is running out.

Anyone can subscribe to this newsletter, you don't have to be a customer!

Holiday and Landscape Lighting

By Chris

The holidays are almost here. Let us help you design and install the holiday lighting to make your house stand out! We set it up, take it down and store all the light for you. To request a free consultation, call us at 720-851-7550.

Landscape lighting is an easy way to add accents and value to your house. It's a great feature to add to your house at a very reasonable price. Low cost to operate and helps make your house stand out.



Fall Cleanups

By Scott

Fall cleanups are not just for appearance though that is a major benefit to most people, especially when we do it so they don't have to!

In addition to removing leaves, fall cleanups also consist of pruning and trimming of shrubs, cleaning up perennials, removing annuals, and removing leaves to avoid creating a layer of duff.

We are performing the initial cleanups right now and will do the end of the year cleanups after the leaves have fallen.

Snow Removal

By Scott

Snow removal is just around the corner. While Denver has been spared so far we all know it's just a matter of time before it hits.

Customers with signed contracts **will** take priority for removal over customers that call in with each snow. Contracts are being sent out now for review and approval. If you wish to be on our snow removal program, call now and request a snow removal contract for review.



Snow is coming soon! We'll be glad to clear your drive and walkways.

Best Neighbor Program

BestYard.com continues to grow because of your support and belief in our services. Tell your family, friends and neighbors about our services. When they sign up for one of our programs, we'll pay you \$25.00 in BestBucks that you can use to pay your bill, try a new service or give to a friend to try us.



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