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Owner's Corner

By Chris and Shelly

Happy HOT DAYS of summer. School is out, the kids are playing and enjoying their summer break.

Now that summer is here, you are going to see some changes in your lawn. Within the newsletter, we will talk about how you can make some small changes to ensure you have beautiful lawn to enjoy this summer. We will also address how to make sure we keep your lawn healthy from pest and diseases during these hot months. Please make sure you keep in mind that your sprinkler system is a very important piece of having a nice yard. If your system or your neighbors systems isn't working at all or efficiently, call us immediately so we can come out and fix it. You don't want to lose your lawn to heat, stress, and lack of water.

Have you checked out the new website? We are making changes monthly to help keep you informed. We have added a section for you to review new and past newsletters. We are also working on

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Turf Care

By Steve

With the Denver area so hot and dry right now, a lot of lawns are beginning to show misadjusted sprinkler heads and not enough watering time. Knowing how to water is almost as important as watering.

Denver has mainly clay or sandy soil with a few residences having a loam soil. Loam is better than the other two but definitely in the minority.

So how do you water clay and sand? Not surprising, they have very different requirements.

Clay tends to hold water but is very slow to absorb it. Sand on the

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When watering a lawn with clay soil... water in successive cycles, separated by an hour or so, to minimize water waste by runoff.

Landscape Maintenance

By Scott

Watering is on all our minds right now. With the water deficit all gardens and lawns need supplemental watering.

With our mainly clay soils, what is the best way to water gardens?

When dealing with clay soil the rule for watering is slower is better. Avoid overhead sprayers in favor of drip or soaker systems. These systems give a slower application rate which allows the water to soak in.

In July and August, continue general maintenance - make sure the irrigation system is providing adequate coverage and water, deadhead annuals and perennials, and weed.

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our new holiday lighting page. This will allow you to view new and exciting products for this coming holiday light season. We will be able to supply you with holiday lighting products in addition to our installation services.

Are you looking for any landscaping done around your home? We can give your current landscape a facelift or add more color to your existing landscape. Thinking of xeroscaping and saving water? We can suggest and provide plants and shrubs that are sufficient for that environment. We would be happy to discuss some fun ideas so you can enjoy your lawn and landscape even more this summer.

Remember, we can also upgrade your home's exterior with landscape lighting. Why not show off your home at night? There are other great reasons to invest in landscape lighting. Visit our website for more details or call the office for a free consultation.

Know of any weddings coming up? A simple and elegant way to accent and beautify any wedding or family event.

Even though we are currently in summer, remember to plan ahead for fall and winter coming around the corner. Get on our schedule ahead of time for fall services like deactivating your sprinkler system, fall cleanups, fall plantings and holiday lighting.

Thank you for your continued business, stay cool this summer and HAVE FUN!!!!!!

Chris and Shelly

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Complete care for lawn and garden.

News and Information Spotlight

Keeping up with news concerning lawns, gardens, and landscapes

The Denver area is currently over 5" behind the average precipitation for this time of year. That puts a strain on lawns and gardens. Some folks water more often or when they're not supposed to. Denver Water's Melissa Elliott, Manager of Water Conservation says; "By far the most common violation we see is watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m." Questions about watering should be directed to your watering department to make sure you don't go against the directives.

Centennial Water mailed a DVD out to all Douglas County homes regarding xeriscaping. View it online at <http://www.dewater.org/> and then click **Xeriscaping On-line Video** in the right column.

Douglas County Fair Parade comes to Castle Rock on August 9th. The Kiddie Parade starts at 9:30 and the main parade at 10.

Parker is asking everyone to NOT water on Friday to give the water tanks time to refill for the weekend. Other than that, restrictions are voluntary.

Aurora Water has a Youth Water Education Program. Go to <http://www.auroragov.org/AuroraGov/Departments/AuroraWater/YouthWaterEducationProgram/index.htm> for more information.

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other hand leaches water through very fast. 1 inch of water will only penetrate 4" into clay but will penetrate 12" into sand. Watering a clay soil requires a slower application of water to avoid runoff. The best way to water is to split your cycle into two equal cycles of about half your normal time each. Give about an hour between waterings to allow the water to penetrate and to avoid overlapping the two cycles.

BIO PLUS

We have received many questions about our new Bio Plus program. What is it and what does it do?

Bio Plus is a natural product that is added to the fertilizer before I treat your lawn. It is spread with the fertilizer and then watered in the next time you water your lawn.

It is a natural (not organic) mix that contains microbes, beneficial bacteria and fungi that is found naturally in the soil but is so often missing in Colorado clay and sand. This biological mix is the workhorse in the soil. These microbes, bacteria and fungi are responsible for breaking down fertilizer, loosening the soil and much more. It doesn't work overnight but it does work over time giving your lawn healthier soil and stronger plants that require less water.

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Use water-soluble fertilizers for container plantings on a regular basis. Check pots daily for moisture content.

Scout for standing water and conditions favorable for mosquitoes breeding.

Divide iris after blooming.

If you have any questions or concerns, give us a call or email customer_service@bestyard.com.

Mowing

By Brandon

I think that many people think we pick our mowing height arbitrarily but in actuality we have a reason for suggesting and using the height we use.

Bluegrass turf was engineered to grow and perform best when it is mowed to a height of 2 ½ -3 inches high after mowing. That height or higher allows it to perform best. The main rule is that the grass remains upright and doesn't lie down.

Many people scalp their lawn at the end of the year. We don't because it can damage the lawn. Sure you can mow a little closer but the only consideration to do this is to keep the grass from lying down when it gets covered by snow. That helps avoid snow mold. And NEVER mow it short in the spring.

Also, always keep your mower blades sharp for a clean cut to avoid stress and disease.

Best Neighbor Program

What would you think if BestYard.com paid you?

Well, that is exactly what we do when you participate in our Best Neighbor Program.

Refer your neighbors and friends in our service area and when they sign up for service we pay you \$25 in BestBucks. Use it to try a new service (Have you scheduled your fall aeration or fall cleanup?).

Best of all, there is no limit! If one of your referrals sign up for one of our programs, you get paid!



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