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## Owner's Corner

By Chris

Tis the season!!! Wow, it's already here, the snow and the holidays. We love this time of year at BestYard.com. We enjoy listening to all the holiday music and we especially love decorating your homes for the holidays.

Thank you to all of our customers for allowing us to maintain your lawns, landscapes and sprinklers this year. Now is the time that we are busy doing fall cleanups, holiday lighting and snow removal.

This month we are still busy hanging holiday lights for our customers. It is great to end the year on such a positive note. It is truly rewarding and amazing to see a beautiful home decorated for the holidays. It brings a certain joy and smile to many people.

Just the other day, we got our first snow!!! Our crews were out plowing snow in our 2 plow trucks and our new ATV plow. It was a lot of fun. We have grown our snow removal business by accepting new contracts in

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## Turf Care

By Steve

Mites. Extremely small but very destructive. They definitely make up for their size in the damage they do to lawns.

Even though the weather is cool they still become active in the winter time. They favor south to west facing lawns and if you add a slope they will do major damage very quickly. Mites like it hot and dry which is precisely what they get on south facing lawns.

In order to take care of them we use a miticide mixed with an ovacide. The miticide takes care of the active mites while the ovacide takes care of the eggs. The residual effect is good up to 60 days.

When do we apply this control? It depends on Mother Nature. We watch the weather and adjust our treatment accordingly. This year will probably be earlier than normal due to our warm weather.

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## Landscape Maintenance

By Laurie

Thanks to Mother Nature this has been a beautiful long fall. If you don't have enough color in your yard right now then you might want to add some burning bush, amur maple, autumn purple ash, serviceberry, rabbitbrush, or fall asters and mums. These are just a few of the many plants that thrive in Colorado and can add a new palette of hues to your landscape. This is still a good time to plant but, you may need to water during the winter if there is not enough snow or precipitation. A layer of mulch helps too.

The recent cold nights have probably frozen your summer annuals and the foliage of your perennials. So, how can the gardeners at BestYard help prepare your gardens and yard for the cold months ahead?

Here are some of the ways we can get ready:

- Cutback Perennials.
- Remove annuals from beds and pots.
- Clean out annual pots by removing old potting soil and storing in a dry place.
- Add mulch and/or compost to the beds.
- Winter wrap young trees.
- Place rose collars around all grafted roses.
- Rake leaves out of beds.

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order to take care of your property so you don't have to. Please remember that if you want us to remove your snow off your driveway or business, please ask for a contract to be mailed to you. It makes life much easier when you can get out of your house to run errands or go to work and you don't have to fight the snow at your home.

With our first snow falling, we are going to be wrapping up fall clean ups soon. So let us help you get your leaves and pine needles off your lawn and out of your beds. Our knowledgeable landscape maintenance crews know how to properly get your landscape ready for winter.

Just because it is fall and leading into winter, there is still some services that could be provided to your lawn and landscape to insure that you get a head start in the spring. For more information, refer to the landscape maintenance and lawn care section of our newsletter.

We look forward to working with you this fall and winter season.

Happy Holidays

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*Add plants now for spring colors.*

## News and Information Spotlight

Some useful numbers for our Douglas County residents:

### Douglas County Emergency Numbers

Emergency 9-1-1

Non- Emergency 303-660-7500

Animal Control 303-660-7529

Poison Control 303-739-1123

School Closing 303-387-7669

Traffic Hotline 303-660-7539

Sky Ridge Hospital 720-225-1000

Parker Hospital 303-269-4000

[www.dcsheriff.net](http://www.dcsheriff.net)



*Amateur Radio Emergency Service*

### Arapahoe County

Interested in helping out in an emergency?

Find out how to help the Arapahoe County ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) by going to <http://www.arapahoeares.org/> and find help getting your amateur license!

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I am always asked what good does the winterizer do when it is applied so late in the season?

The answer is very simple. The grass may be dormant but the root systems are still active. They are growing, repairing and storing nutrients for next spring.

This treatment does NOT need to be watered in. Since it is granulated it will sit without burning the lawn while it waits for water. The root system will be active for about another 1-2 months depending on temperatures.

Winter watering is a necessity in Colorado. I know I talked about this last month but it is that important. Colorado is an arid (read:desert) state along the front range. Without supplemental watering, lawns may suffer from winterkill which occurs when the roots dry out so much they die.

To avoid this, winter water every 3-4 weeks (more often if your lawn faces a southwestern exposure especially if it slopes). Pick a warm day (above 45) to water. Start early to allow the water to soak in before the freezing temperatures at night. Water a normal amount. It doesn't take a lot to moisten the roots and keep them working like they should. 10-15 minutes should take care of it.

Have questions about your lawn? Call me to get them answered.

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- Spray dormant oil spray on the beds to kill over-wintering insects and prevent diseases and fungus.

During the winter months or dormant season we can also:

- Water dry areas in the lawn or flower beds.
- Water any plants that were planted this year.
- Prune shrubs and small trees.

- Check on the general health and condition of your landscape.
- Plan for future flower beds or additional landscaping.

Don't forget about the other services that BestYard offers:

- Holiday Lighting
- Snow Removal
- Mite Prevention

## Holiday Lighting

*By Chris*

If you haven't already ordered holiday lighting, you're running out of time!

We are hard at work putting up lights and helping people put light and color into their holiday gatherings.

Take the worry and hassle out purchasing, installing, taking down and storing the lights. We do all of that for you! All you have to do is enjoy the compliments!

Best of all, we work with you and your budget to give you the best looking lights we can.

So don't wait, call now to get your lights hung in time for Christmas!



## Landscape Lighting

*By Chris*

Dress up your house and property with landscape accent lighting. Your house will stand out from the rest and look fantastic all year long. Best of all, the lights have an estimated life of 30 years or more so your investment will pay for itself.



## Snow Removal

By Chris

Most experts are calling for a heavy winter this year.

BestYard is ready! Shovels, blowers, 2 plows and plenty of ice melt!

We are still accepting snow contracts for this year. Priority for snow removal will be given to properties with a snow contract in effect.



Snow plows ready and able to take care of the bigger jobs.

## Best Neighbor Program

We appreciate our customers and want you to know it! To accomplish this, we have instituted the Best Neighbor Program. This program allows us to pay you! When you refer a friend, neighbor or family neighbor and they sign up for one of our programs, we will send you \$25.00 in BestBucks as our thanks to you. BestBucks can be used for current or new services. Call if you have any questions.



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