



Late Fall

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It's Been a Great Year!

We've been incredibly busy this year caring for all of our valued customers, and that's just how we like it. We really appreciate being your partner when it comes to caring for your corner of the earth.

This time of year is perfect for thinking about your future needs. Just give us a call – we'll be happy to answer any questions you may have and provide suggestions for the upcoming growing season. It's never too early to schedule next year's services. And no matter what the season, we're always here to provide the professional, prompt and courteous service you deserve.

We thank you for your business, and we look forward to serving you in 2008!

Prepping Your Lawn for Winter

Think your lawn is finished growing for the season? Think again. As the weather turns cooler, your lawn is actually thickening and spreading. Turf roots naturally go into a growth spurt right about now as they convert nutrients into food reserves. In fact, the average lawn's density can increase by as much as 20% during the cooler fall months if there's enough moisture and fertilizer present (and if the soil isn't too compacted).

Setting the Stage for Better Growth

If the following haven't been done already, they should be done as soon as possible:

- Elimination of any fall weeds to avoid competition with your grass
- Opening of the soil with core aeration to relieve soil compaction and help roots thicken
- Application of a heavy dose of fertilizer to encourage new root growth

In addition to the above three steps, your fall mowing practices should include lowering your mowing height. As temperatures fall, so should your mower deck. You'll have less winter injury and a quicker green-up in the spring if you have your mowing height down to 2" – 2½" by Thanksgiving.

Turf density can increase by up to 20% during the fall.

Kwik Klips for Fall

- Wondering what to do with those leaves after raking them from your lawn? Consider working them into your garden soil or adding them to your compost pile!
- It's still not too late to prune back perennials, non-blooming shrubs, trees and your turfgrass in late November.
- It's a good idea to add a layer of mulch to your landscape plantings after the first hard freeze. This will help to keep the soil temperature more consistent through winter for extended root growth.
- Keep that mower handy! Mowing should continue until your grass has stopped growing for the season.
- If you have a water garden, you can keep leaves out of it this fall by covering it with netting.



In Balance With Nature

In the beginning
There was Earth, beautiful and wild;
And then Man came to dwell.
At first, he lived like other animals
Feeding himself on creatures
and plants around him.
And this was called
IN BALANCE WITH NATURE.

Soon Man multiplied.
He grew tired of ceaseless
hunting for food;
He built homes and villages.
Wild plants and animals
were domesticated.
Some men became Farmers,
so that others might become
Industrialists, Artists, or Doctors.
And this was called Society.

Man and Society progressed.
With his God-given ingenuity, Man
learned to feed, clothe, protect, and
transport himself more efficiently,
so he might enjoy life.
He built cars, houses on top
of each other, and nylon.
And life became more enjoyable.

The men called Farmers
became efficient.
A single Farmer grew food for 45
Industrialists, Artists, and Doctors.
And Writers, Engineers, and
Teachers as well.
To protect his crops and animals,
the Farmer used substances
to repel or destroy Insects,
Diseases, and Weeds.
These were called Pesticides.

Similar substances were made by
Doctors to protect humans.
These were called Medicine.
The Age of Science had arrived,
and with it came a better diet
and longer, happier lives for
more members of Society.

Soon it came to pass
That certain well-fed
members of Society
Disapproved of the Farmers
using Science.

They spoke harshly of their
techniques for feeding,
protecting, and preserving
plants and animals.
They deplored their upsetting
the Balance of Nature;

They longed for the Good Old Days.
And this had emotional appeal
to the rest of Society.

By this time Farmers had become
so efficient, Society gave
them a new title:
Unimportant Minority.

Because Society could not ever
imagine a shortage of food.
Laws were passed abolishing
Pesticides, Fertilizers,
and Food Preservatives.
Insects, Diseases, and
Weeds flourished.
Crops and animals died.
Food became scarce.

To survive, Industrialists, Artists,
and Doctors were forced to
grow their own food.
They were not very efficient.

People and governments fought
wars to gain more agricultural land.

Millions of people were
exterminated.

The remaining few lived
like animals.
Feeding themselves on creatures
and plants around them.

And this was called
IN BALANCE WITH NATURE.

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Your Comments

You are still the best lawn service provider I have had.

I have been told I have the best-looking grass in my neighborhood. I tell them it is my lawn service provider and I give them your name. Two of my neighbors want your service, but they can't afford it right now.

Customer #6466

