

One of the great things about working in the landscape is instantly seeing the changes you make after all your hard work. Whether it comes from simply mowing your lawn properly or redesigning your landscape, when things are done right, you instantly see a difference.

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January-February

* clean leaves, pick up sticks to keep property clean

* do not walk on grass in the morning, blades are frozen and will break

March, April and May
weather is warmer - busiest months of the year

● cleanup leaves, sticks, cut back perennials and ornamental grasses

● lightly prune tops of shrubs and remove dead branches.

● summer flowering abelia, knock out rose, butterfly bush, spirea- cut these shrubs in half- will promote more flowers; do not be afraid

● check mulch levels- more than 2" existing remove before applying new.

● edge all shrub beds with a 3" deep edge.

● add a slow release fertilizer around flowering plants before mulch

● mulch to a total depth of 2", no more. Use brown dyed mulch

● mowing weekly around April 14th, cut at 3"-4", sharpen blades monthly

● check azaleas, pieris, pyracantha, cotoneaster for lacebug, manage

● check roses, spring flowering spirea for aphids, manage

● fertilize grass, 1/2 lb slow release combo w/crabgrass in early April

● manage turf weeds, dandelion, clover, plantain, Ortho broadleaf

● prune shrubs as needed

● install flowers after May 1st, no frost threat- water, water, water

● fertilize turf #2 mid to late May 1/2 lb slow release fertilizer

● clean your roof gutters

June, July, August

● continue mowing 3"-4", sharpening blades, weed control and pruning.

● water flowers, prune tops of flowers to keep neat and uniform

● turf needs 1" of water weekly from you or Mother Nature

● Bagworms damage Spruce, Juniper, Arborvitae, Leyland Cypress in June

July and August when the mowing slows down from the heat, try;

● re-edging planting beds
● limbing up low hanging tree branches

● cultivate or turn over your mulch to refresh

September, October

● mowing, weed control and pruning start up again as weather cools

● apply 1 pound turf fertilizer with higher second number, phosphorus

● aerate/over seed your turf in September * perfect time to add lime

● manage fall/winter turf weeds, Chickweed, Henbit

● manage leaves as they begin to fall

● install fall pansies, viola or cabbage

November-December

● mowing, pruning and weed control will end in November

● continue leaf removal finishing up in December.

● apply 1 pound of a straight nitrogen fertilizer in late November

● clean your roof gutters

This may seem like a lot but realize when you stay on top of things and manage weekly, your work gets easier and you spend less time in the garden.