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April:

- Systemic Soil Drench
- Bare Ground Spray
- Shrub Bed Weed Pre-Emergent
- Dormant Insect Spray
- Spring Clean-Up
- Spring Pruning
- Early Spring Lawn Fertilizer
- Lawn Aeration
- Spring Irrigation Start-up
- Shrub Bed Care begins

May:

- Continue Spring Pruning
- Annual Flower Installation
- Annual Flower Maintenance begins
- Spring Foundation Spray
- Spring Lawn Weed Spray
- Tree & Shrub Fertilizer
- Shrub Bed Post Emergent

June:

- Tree & Shrub Insect Control
- Summer Foundation Spray
- Summer Clean-up
- Summer Pruning
- Summer Lawn Fertilizer
- Necrotic Ring Spot Control
- Landscape Renovations
- Irrigation Adjustments

Think Spring! Help Your Lawn Recover from a Long Winter

Spring is finally here, and warmer weather is on the way! As the last of the snow melts, you may notice that your lawn and turf areas are looking a little worse for wear. Use the following guidelines to help your lawn recover from a long, snowy winter.

- Wait for all the snow to melt and for things to dry out. Lightly rake your lawn to fluff up matted-down turf. This will also allow for better air circulation.
- Have the lawn mowed shorter than normal as soon as is practical. This will remove or mulch most of the dead grass blades. (Just make sure to have the lawn

mowed normally for the duration of the season.)

- Have the lawn **core aerated** (ask about specials in your area!) to allow for good air and water penetration. This can be done before or after the next step.
- Apply a good spring lawn fertilizer to stimulate new spring growth.
- Whether or not you have a sprinkler system, begin watering only when the lawn needs it – generally due to warmer temperatures or lack of precipitation. Avoid over-watering, as this can lead to disease (check out our website for a watering schedule or call our office).

Be careful to water according to the lawn's needs and adjust it as the seasons change. **Ask us about installing rain sensors in your yard to ensure efficient watering!**

By following these tips, your lawn should return, healthy and green, before you know it!



Information contributed by: Terry Micken

Green Ideas for Spring: Rain Sensors!

What is a rain sensor?

A rain sensor, also called a rain shut-off device or a rain switch, is a small device that turns off an irrigation system when it rains. Mounted in an open outdoor area and connected to your irrigation system, a rain sensor can significantly reduce your water bill while conserving municipal drinking water.

How do rain sensors work?

Most rain sensors have water-absorbing expansion disks that swell in the presence of rain – similar to a sponge – and after a certain amount of rainfall, depress an electrical switch, thereby bypassing the regular cycle of irrigation and turning

off your automatic irrigation system. The disks shrink as they dry, until they release from the electrical switch, restoring the normal cycle of your irrigation system.

SAVE MONEY!

Whether you pay for city water or spend electricity running a pump, the money you save over time will more than pay for the rain sensor.

Conserving Municipal Water

By preventing unnecessary irrigation after rain events, rain sensors help ensure water availability for emergencies, such as firefighting, especially during the peak summer months.

Prolonging the Life of Your Irrigation System

A rain sensor can reduce wear to your system because it runs only when necessary.

Reducing Nutrient Loss & Disease Damage

Over-watering causes nutrients to wash away below the turf root zone, requiring increased applications of fertilizer. It also retards deep root growth and increases lawn susceptibility to disease. In fact, over-watering has been called the most common cause of disease in turf.

Information contributed by: Anna Twohig

⊕ **10% off a regular price spring Foundation Spray for ants and spiders!***

⊕ **10% off a regular price spring Lawn Aeration!***

* Offer good through 04/30/11

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OR

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Employee Spotlight



Steve Rees

Arbor Department Supervisor

Job Description: Tall tree pruning, tree removals, natural pruning, scheduling arbor services, supervising arbor crews and training new employees.

Education: Completing training for his ISA Certified Arborist license; two years of college at SFCC and Montana State University.

Time with Greenleaf: Five years

Hometown: Spokane Valley, WA

Hobbies: Steve loves snowboarding. He also enjoys long boarding, mountain biking, Frisbee golf, BBQing, working and playing with his dog, Bella.

What is That?

Snow Mold

Snow mold is likely to appear on lawns and turf areas after a long winter with lots of snow cover. This fungal disease prefers moist conditions and tends to occur when wet snow falls before the ground has frozen. Snow mold can also show up under other damp coverings, such as piles of leaves.



Snow mold on a lawn

Indications of snow mold are round patches of matted grass that have turned gray or pink. The disease could be in a few small spots, or it could spread out over most of the lawn.

The best way to get rid of snow mold in the spring is to let the grass dry out, lightly rake the affected areas, and then aerate it to encourage new growth.

Call or email us today about our current lawn aerating specials!

The fungus usually only kills the grass blades, though it can affect the roots in severe cases. Snow mold can be reduced by keeping grass short and clear of debris in the fall.

Information contributed by: Lianna Kenworthy

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