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Welcome August

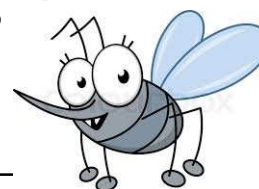


This July we hit a nice string of 90 degree days. When you feel uncomfortable outside the grass usually does too. Yes, the occasional thunderstorm and watering does help. During this hot and humid weather we can retreat into our cooler homes and office spaces, but the concept of ‘turf air-conditioning’ has not been invented yet. When soil temperatures start averaging above 70 degrees (cool season) turf will go

Mosquitoes—Fight the Bite!

You are not helpless against mosquitoes or the diseases they carry—the West Nile or Zika viruses. Attack the problem at the source:

- At least once or twice a week, empty water from flower pots, pet food and water dishes, bird-baths, swimming pool covers, buckets, barrels and cans.
- Check for clogged rain gutters and clean them out.
- Remove discarded items that could collect water. Some may be in places that may be hard to see such as under bushes or hidden under outdoor deck areas.



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Core Aeration/Are You on Schedule?

How does core aeration help the turf? It helps reduce the thatch where diseases and harmful insects love to hide. Core aeration actually changes the soil structure underneath the lawn! Since the lawn is forced to grow on the same soil year after year we recommend this **yearly** process for new, old, healthy and stressed out lawns. Golf courses have taken advantage of this process for years!

Many of our clients signed up for the core aeration program when we mailed out the landscape maintenance agreements in the spring. We will be providing this service during the month of August. This time of the year, the lawns will get much needed relief. As the weather cools, grass plants need to breathe and have better access to water and nutrients. If you have not signed up for the core aeration program, please give us a call. Your lawn will thank you for it!



Fall for Seed

Need to 'green up' those stressed out brown and thin spots? Fall seeding is always better than spring. Now is the time to get your lawn in shape for next year. The best time to seed is mid-August through September. Why? Ground temperatures are warm which helps germination as the weather turns cooler. There is less weed competition in the fall.

It is easier for a new grass plant to go through a tough winter than a tough summer. When the plants start to spread and grow next spring, they will already be on their second growing season! Core aeration and seeding go together very well. ***Sign up early prior to the upcoming leaf season.***

Conserve Our Water

Some mistakenly think lawn irrigation systems are wasteful. But the fact is, it depends on how you program them. If you make sure the settings are at their most efficient, you can actually save money on your water bill by watering with a lawn irrigation system. When we have substantial rain, turn it off. And there's no question automatic irrigation reduces the work ***you*** have to do! If you choose not to water, turf grass is one of the few plants that will go dormant and slowly come back as water becomes available.



Lawn Fertilizer/Weed Control

The August fertilizer will be a light application. It is the process of getting the lawn through the rest of the summer and the start of rebuilding the weaker lawns. Heavier applications will follow in mid-September and Late October. Fall's cooler days and warm soil temperatures will help strengthen the lawn and develop stronger root structures.

“A fertilizer with slow-release properties applied to a dormant lawn will not be depleted during drier conditions but will still be available when rain or irrigation occurs. This will replenish the energy that was spent by the plant during stress and will fuel the recovery process.”

This is the time of year we notice some areas of crab grass! We are presently spot spraying some of these areas to alleviate the problem.

Call Anytime



If you have any questions about your account or if you're considering improvements to your landscape for next year, please call the office. We're happy to help. 847-673-5149 or info@callcontour.com

