

FOUR STEPS TO A HEALTHY LANDSCAPE

We want your lawn to be the healthiest, most attractive landscape it can be. The following practices are steps that you can take that are extremely beneficial to the health and attractiveness of your landscape.

1. Maintain adequate watering during the growing season during dry weather. This is so often neglected by homeowners but your landscape has the same or greater water needs than your lawn.
2. Keep trees and shrubs pruned regularly maintaining natural growth habits. Prune by thinning out older and diseased branches generally after flowering. Avoid topping and shearing on a consistent basis.
3. Keep trees, shrubs and flower beds mulched. This helps retain moisture and keeps soil temperatures more consistent. It also benefits by preventing weed and grass growth that competes with the trees and shrub root growth. It will also aid in minimizing mower and string trimmer damage.
4. Please consult your landscape specialist if you see any changes in your trees and shrubs appearance or you have any concerns with your landscape.

SIX STEPS TO A BEAUTIFUL LAWN

1. Maintain 1 to 2 inches of water per week throughout the growing season either from natural rainfall or watering. When watering, water heavily and do it in the morning, if possible.
2. Mow the lawn regularly, maintaining a height between 2 and 3-1/2 inches. Avoid taking more than 1/3 of grass blade at one mowing. Lawn clippings return needed nutrients to the soil; therefore, avoid removing after every mowing. Use a well sharpened blade.
3. Have your lawn aerated once per year. Aerate twice per year if your lawn has a heavy thatch layer or the soil is heavy clay. This is the most beneficial practice for your lawn because it promotes root growth which is the foundation for a healthy lawn.
4. Control weedy perennial grasses such as coarse fescue and bentgrass by using Roundup or by digging them out. Following the first three steps will do much to squeeze them out.
5. Minimize damage from shade by thinning trees and shrubs by removing the lower branches. Seed with 5 lbs./1,000 s.f. of red fescue. Try to avoid traffic and in the fall, keep leaves raked.
6. Please consult your lawn specialist if you see any changes in your lawn or you have any concerns with your lawn and landscape.