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Rain Rain Go Away!

We are hoping to get our service scheduling back on track in a week or two depending on the weather. With properties being so saturated, and some having standing water, we are doing our best to make the most ethical decision(s) on servicing the property without hindering its integrity.

This Month's Reminder

Most days, it is still enjoyable to work in your lawn or garden in June. But sudden heatwaves are possible; save beach trips for those days, and perform necessary garden tasks on the cooler days. Continuous maintenance of your lawn, landscape, and irrigation system is a must



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Summer Mowing Tips

Feed your lawn with grass clippings. Clippings are 85 percent water. Short clippings quickly decompose, adding valuable nutrients back to the soil. Bagging your lawn clippings is recommended for thin & recovering lawns.

- Mow High! Set mower blade height at the highest setting leaving grass blades 3.25", or taller in the dry months. Tall grass encourages deep roots, which require less water, and also shades out crabgrass and low-growing weeds. It also makes your lawn less vulnerable to drought.
- Remove no more than the top 1/3 of the grass blade. A mulching mower will cut grass blades into small pieces that can decompose quicker.
- Properly maintain your lawn mowing equipment Use a sharp mower blade. A dull mower blade will tear grass and provide an entry way for diseases.
- Keep the mower deck clean.
- Watch the weather. Mow when the grass is dry.
- Mow a different direction or pattern



Lawn Repairs and Installation

Our deadline for lawn repairs and lawn installations is typically around mid-June with summer conditions making it difficult to establish new grass in lawns. Summer is certainly not the ideal time to establish cool-season turf grasses due to high temperatures, long day-length, disease pressure, and especially weed rivalry.

The best growing temperatures for cool-season turf grasses are in the range from 60 to 75 degrees Fahrenheit. Long day-length and more hours of sunlight result in more hours in the day for drying the soil. Maintaining that subtle balance of soil moisture between too wet and too dry is more puzzling during the summer due to the lengthy drying period.

Are you watering properly?

When it comes to irrigating lawns, improper techniques can hurt your lawn more than help it. Overwatering, irrigating at wrong times of the day, and watering too often can be ineffective and—at times—downright harmful.

- Lawns generally require 1/2 to 1-1/2 inches of water per week, applied in small amounts throughout the week.
- Light, frequent watering supports healthy grass and resists disease and pests.
- Water in the morning. Afternoon watering can evaporate too quickly and may not reach the roots. Watering at night can promote fungus and disease growth.
- Keep an eye out for puddles of water and run-off, as these are signs of overwatering.



Landscaping & Hardscaping

Our crews are wrapping up with spring pruning, re-mulching, and smaller projects that could be completed during the wet months and can now concentrate on new landscape & hardscape projects.

When the task requires vision and experience, Smith Lawnsapes LLC, has the planning and construction expertise needed to prepare solutions for both your home and business. We offer advice for smaller jobs, as well as complete landscape & hardscape design plans for larger projects that require such expertise. Our philosophy of flexibility and professionalism means that you will get the design you want, expertly planned and installed.



Our hardscape crews can design/install all your outdoor living projects such as retaining walls, sea walls, pavers, patios, stamped concrete, and steps.



Landscape Design Prices range from \$75 - \$125
 Outdoor Living Designs range from \$100 - \$200
Design fee will be waived if we are awarded the project