

## Fun Facts & Helpful Hints

Summer pruning has officially kicked off. This will include shrubs and trees, especially the ones that are done flowering now. It is important to prune them now versus later so there is new growth going into next Spring, which will promote and produce more flowering.

- Round up and weed control only kills off what it sees. It does not have a residual.
- Irrigation should now be getting turned on.



**PRUNING OF OAK TREES** in the summer is not recommended because this will create Oak Wilt Disease, which is fatal. It is predominant in Red Oaks. This disease affects the vascular system of the tree, preventing proper flow water and nutrients. Dormant season from December to February is the ideal time.

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Finally....Bring on the heat! It sure has been a challenging last few months weather wise. With the warm temperatures and a new season, there are and will be many new challenges in your outdoor areas. This will include insects, diseases, and weeds attacking your lawn and or plants.

One issue that stands out in my head right now is the lovely weed we call "crabgrass". Even though a pre-emergent is applied in early Spring to help prevent crabgrass from germinating, the amount of rain we have received has broken down the barrier the pre-emergent produces. Crabgrass thrives on heat and tends to grow along sidewalk and driveway edges. It is hard to kill, especially once it is the size of a melon. Fortunately, it is killed off after the first or second frost in October. Weeds in general are and will be excessive issue for everyone this year, not only in the lawns and landscaped beds, but also in roads and parking lots.



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Keep an eye out for Japanese Beetles. They love roses and weeping cherries the most. The shiny coppery leaf eating insects can be controlled with certain insecticides. Let us know if you need assistance.



We celebrated our spring season at the Redwing Bowling Alley in St. Johns. It's a good feeling to get everyone together outside of the hustle bustle and in a relaxed atmosphere.