



# NEWSLETTER

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## The Heat Is On!

July typically comes with heat waves and not enough rain. Keep an eye out for brown, stressed lawns and plants. Do not assume these stresses are only from a lack of water and high temperatures. Insects, weeds, and diseases love the heat and can often be the cause of stress. If in doubt, have a professional check and advise.

## Happy Independence Day!

Our team is wishing everyone a happy freedom day celebration. Freedom does not come so easily. ... Let us be mindful of all we can do for our nation to make it a place of wealth, peace, and happiness. Here's to wishing you and your family a safe and happy Independence Day!

**\*Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> our office will be closed\***



## Landscaping

Our landscape crews have had a great start to the season and have completed a record amount of landscape installs in June. July shifts us away from large plant installs due to high temperatures.

Summer prunes will begin in July and is a great time to prune/trim your shrubs and ornamental trees. Avoid pruning summer flowering shrubs such as Potentilla, Spirea, Hydrangea and Rose of Sharon. These can be trimmed when flowering is completed in early to mid-fall. Most of the other ornamental shrubs have hardened off and can be safely trimmed now through fall.



## Lawn Care

Every season has its mood swings, but July never fails to provide hot days and fewer rain showers. Our lawn care operators or LCO's, are well trained and very knowledgeable when it comes to cutting grass.

To avoid further stress to your lawn our foreman will make their best discretion decisions to mow or not mow each week during this dry spell. They are also raising their cutting heights to keep lawns looking groomed and green longer.

## Lawn Applications

With the hot summer approaching we are using slow-release fertilizer to help keep the lawns green and a broadleaf weed control to keep out pesky weeds. July is also the time for our lawn technicians to begin annual grub prevention applications.

Be on the look-out for beetles. One beetle can produce hundreds of grub eggs, which in turn will feed on the roots of your turf, causing extensive damage and costly repairs.



## Dirt/Seeding

A new lawn install in July would be very high maintenance due to constant monitoring and watering. Summer conditions are not ideal for seed germination and so our dirt/seeding division has postponed new lawn installs until August, which is the start of Fall seeding.

For the time being, crews will continue with driveway installs/repairs, drainage and excavating projects.



## Hardscapes

Hardscaping in the summer can be ideal for our hardscapes crews. No more wrestling with the mud or postponing projects due to high lawn saturation.

From installing patios to retaining walls to sea walls our crew can handle it all!

