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Late Summer & Early Fall

The summer is marching on. We have surpassed the heat wave but the hot and humid conditions continue. Shortly the feel of early fall will be with us and sadly the days will be getting shorter! Early to mid-fall is the best time to get your lawn and landscape back in shape.

Word of advice...

Watch out for hornets and yellow jackets when working outdoors. Colonies are getting larger by this time of year. By late August and early September yellow jackets will reach their maximum population (2000) per nest and be extremely protective of their colony. Common yellow jackets can build underground nests around the yard. They feed on insects, but will scavenge at picnics when their prey becomes scarce.



Lawn & Garden Tips

Trees and shrubs - Early fall through mid-October is a good time to plant new trees and shrubs. Start thinking about what to plant as soon as the weather cools down later this month.

Flowers - Early fall is a good time to dig and split perennials. Select clusters that are not blooming as prolifically now. Many perennials benefit from being divided every three years, while some prefer never to be touched. Consult a comprehensive perennial maintenance book for recommendations by scientific name to avoid confusion.

Lawns - Be sure to continue watering. The rain we recently received does not necessarily mean that we can stop watering. The soil is still very dry down in the root zone of the turf. However, as the days begin to cool off and rain showers become more frequent you can reduce the duration of watering.



Continue Watering

If you have had a recent landscape or tree installation within the last year or two do NOT assume that you do not need to water your plants after the first year. With high temperatures and very little rain even a well-established root system gets thirsty.

Trees/Shrubs/Perennials: for the first 2 weeks after installation it is best to water twice daily, morning and evening. DO NOT water overhead in direct sunlight and for best results, water at the root base of the plant with a garden hose. Perennials need 15-20 seconds per plant, shrubs need 20-60 seconds per plant and trees need 1 minute to 4 minutes per plant. Week 2-4, same watering instructions, but you can switch to once daily. After week 4, watering 2-3 times a week should be sufficient.

August Word Search

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Our Schedules

Lawn Care – Lawn mowing is certainly hit or miss right now due to the lack of rain. After the lawns have recovered from the summer stress our crews will begin to gradually bring their cutting height down.

Lawn Applications – Late Summer lawn applications are starting now and the final round of tree sprays will begin in a week.

Lawn Installations – Fall is the best time for our lawns to recover as well as the best time to seed. Now is the time to get on our schedule as lawn installs will begin around mid-August.

Landscape Installs – Summer pruning is coming to an end and larger landscape installs will begin shortly. The time to plant is now. Call today to request a quote!

Hardscapes Installs – With more people spending time at home these days and visioning their outdoor living areas, our hardscape crews have projects schedule through the end of the season.

We Want Your Feedback!

Smith Lawnsapes LLC has built a reputation for providing quality services. We also recognize that there is always room for improvement. From your first phone call to our office to the moment we step off your property we want your overall experience to be above satisfaction.

Many of you may have already participated in our online customer satisfaction survey that was emailed two weeks ago and we greatly appreciate your feedback.

Please know that if you requested additional service quotes during our survey that one of our representative will be contacting you as soon as the survey ends.

If you did not receive the survey via email there will be a hardcopy mailed with this newsletter and August invoices.

Thank you for your patience this season as we have navigated through this global pandemic and the unpredictable Michigan weather. We value your business and your feedback!