

## Wake Up Your Lawn with a Spring Feeding

After a long winter's rest, your lawn can use some help getting back into the swing of things. One way to do that is to provide your turf with a balanced application of fertilizer. The nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium in the fertilizer will promote strong color and top growth, stimulate root development, and increase disease resistance and water retention.



Applied in the right concentration (no more than one pound of nitrogen should be used per 1,000 square feet), a balanced fertilizer will replenish the nutrient reserves your lawn used up over the winter (or dormant) season. Plus, it will jump-start your lawn's growth phase this spring, helping it to green up and fill out before hot summer weather returns.

By promoting a thicker, healthier lawn with spring fertilization, you'll make your turf better able to fend off weeds, insects and disease throughout the growing season!

### DON'T FORGET TREES AND SHRUBS

"Do my trees and shrubs really need to be fertilized?" We hear this question time and time again from our customers, and the answer is a resounding yes!

Construction activities when homes are built lead to soil that is heavily compacted, poorly aerated and poorly drained - not the best conditions for tree and shrub growth. Consider, too, that in their natural forest habitat, trees and shrubs have a constant supply of nutrients from decomposing layers of leaves and other organic matter on the forest floor. In our lawns and landscapes, however, we regularly rake away leaves and other organic matter before they have a chance to decompose.



### WHAT FERTILIZER DOES

Fertilizer ensures that your trees and shrubs have the essential nutrients they need for healthy growth: nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium. When they're fertilized regularly, your trees and shrubs will exhibit deeper color, denser growth and better blooming. Plus, they'll have an improved ability to fight off insects and disease. Fertilization also helps roots to branch out and grow in size, making it easier for your trees and shrubs to survive drought and other stresses.

### WHAT IF THEY'RE NOT FERTILIZED?

Without fertilization, your trees and shrubs won't be able to reach their true potential. Over time, they may begin to show signs of nutrient deficiency, including:

- Poor leaf color
- Reduced leaf size
- Premature fall coloration and leaf drop
- Reduced twig and branch growth
- An overall reduction in tree growth and vigor

By having your trees and shrubs fertilized regularly, you'll be rewarded with healthier, more beautiful trees and shrubs that you can enjoy for many years to come.

## Cover Some Ground

When you think of landscaping, chances are that trees, shrubs, lawn areas and flower beds are the first things to pop into your head. While these are all great landscape elements, it's also helpful to keep other potential options in mind when designing your landscape. Some areas of your property may be difficult to maintain or inhospitable to turf growth. For these locations, ornamental grasses and ground cover provide practical and pleasing low-maintenance options.

Shade, hilliness, ease of access, or drainage irregularities can make some areas of your property difficult to manage. Ground cover such as hostas or pachysandra grow well in shady areas that are unsuitable for grass. In areas that do not drain particularly well, iris and elephant ear can fill the space with varied shape and texture.

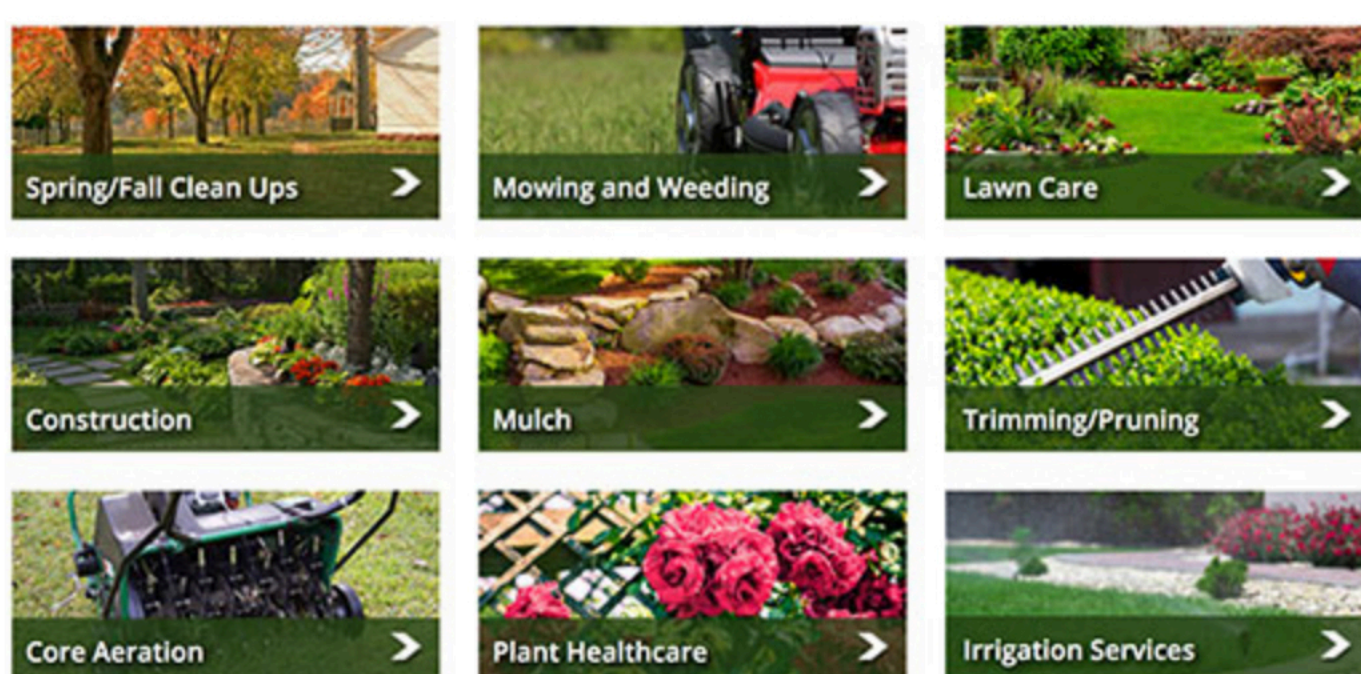


If you would like to add shape to difficult landscape areas, ornamental grasses contribute to the space, similar to shrubs. Whether they're big and bushy like pampas grass or fine and low to the ground like prairie dropseed, ornamental grasses grow quickly, take up space, and are easy to maintain.

Not all areas are equally welcoming to living landscaping. Ground cover and ornamental grasses provide appealing additions that won't have you bending over backwards in terms of upkeep.

## UPCOMING SERVICES FOR JUNE:

- Tree & Shrub Insect Control, Round 2
- Shrub Trimming
- Structural Pruning
- Landscape Construction Projects



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