



# Your Spring Landscape Checklist



- ❑ **Rake Grass To Prevent Snow Mold:** To help reduce the chance of snow mold (a fungus that can grow under the snow and cause grass roots to rot) gently break up all matted grass patches with a rake. This will discourage the growth of snow mold & other fungi. We recommend doing this once snow has melted & grass has thawed.
  - ❑ **Spring Clean-Up:** Remove all debris off of your lawn and out of your flower and shrub beds. Debris left on your lawn and in beds can suffocate plants, promote disease, and harbor insects. The earlier in the spring that you do this, the better! Want to save yourself some time? We can refer you to a great company who does Spring Clean-Ups! Give us a call!
  - ❑ **Dormant Oil for Trees and Shrubs:** Dormant Oil is a natural fungus and insect control application that is applied in early spring (before trees bloom). This application helps your trees and shrubs be more resistant to disease throughout the year and helps to control overwintering insect eggs. (This application is bee-friendly!) Call us to schedule yours.
  - ❑ **First Mow:** Mow short in the spring and long in the summer. Your first mow should be short; a height of about one inch. Plan to raise your mow height incrementally until you are mowing at 2½- 3 inches during the summer. Make sure you have a new or sharpened blade for your first mow! A good time for that first mow is mid-March to early April as the weather permits.
  - ❑ **Crabgrass Control:** Crabgrass is an annual grassy weed that shows up in hot weather and can spread very quickly in your lawn. The only way to effectively control crabgrass is with a pre-emergent crabgrass control application done in the spring. This prevents crabgrass seeds from sprouting and also helps to control other summer weeds. Call us to schedule yours today!
  - ❑ **Spring Fertilizer and Weed Control:** When your lawn wakes up from its dormant season, it is hungry! Fertilizing in the spring strengthens your lawn's root system for a healthier lawn all season long! Spring is also the absolute best time for weed control. Living Water can take care of this for you! Call to sign up today!
  - ❑ **Aeration:** A core aeration makes your lawn healthier by cultivating stronger roots, reducing soil compaction, plus many more benefits. It can be done in spring, early summer, or fall. Call us to schedule yours! We do **not** recommend power raking, as it does more damage than good.
  - ❑ **Spring Pruning:** Spring is a great time to prune as it helps keep trees and shrubs healthy and encourages new growth. Prune fruit trees in early spring to encourage fruit production. Prune roses back after the last frost. Prune any trees and shrubs that suffered winter damage. If you do this yourself, consult YouTube for proper pruning techniques! Don't want to do it yourself? Call us for our pruning company recommendation!
  - ❑ **Turn On and Inspect Sprinklers:** Once the ground has thawed and temperatures have risen above freezing, it's time to turn your sprinkler system back on and inspect it for winter damage. If you plan to do this yourself, make sure to have a step-by-step guide. Want to skip the stress? Call us for our sprinkler company referral. You'll want to do this early as sprinkler lists fill up fast!
  - ❑ **Start Watering:** We recommend that you start watering your lawn by May 1st. However, if we have a warm, dry spring, you may need to start watering earlier!
- If you have any further questions about preparing your property for Spring, ask your technician or give us a call! Together we can keep your landscape Beautiful, Safe, and Green! Have a great Spring!