

- Rake Lawn To Prevent Snow Mold:** To reduce the chance of snow mold (a fungus that can grow under snow & cause grass roots to rot) and other funguses, gently break up all matted grass with a rake. Do this once snow melts & grass thaws.
- Spring Clean-Up:** Remove all debris off of lawn and out of flower & shrub beds. Debris left on lawn & in beds can suffocate plants, promote disease, & harbor insects. The earlier in spring you do this, the better! (Or give us a call for a referral to a company who does Clean-Ups!)
- Dormant Oil for Trees & Shrubs:** Dormant Oil is a natural fungus & insect control applied in early spring (before trees bloom). It helps trees & shrubs be more resistant to disease throughout the year & helps control overwintering insect eggs. (And it's bee-friendly!) Call to sign up!
- Spring Pest Control:** Warmer weather is great, but it can mean more pests! Living Water Pest Control offers a wide variety of indoor & outdoor pest control services! This spring be on the lookout for Odorous House Ants. These tiny ants give off a strong rotten coconut-like smell when crushed & build nests in walls— especially around hot water pipes, heaters, & sinks. If you see any in your house (or any other pests), give us a call!
- First Mow:** Mow short in spring; long in summer. Your 1st mow should be a height of about 1 inch. Then raise your mow height incrementally until you are mowing at 2½- 3 inches during summer. Make sure you have a new or sharpened blade for your first mow! A good first mow time is mid-March to early April as weather permits.
- Organic Spring Sulfur:** Sulfur is a natural fungus control that discourages snow mold & other funguses. It also helps lawns bounce back more quickly in spring and is a vital component in keeping your lawn healthy all year! If you didn't get a fall sulfur, we recommend getting a spring sulfur! Give us a call to sign up!
- Spring Fertilizer & Weed Control:** When your lawn wakes up from dormancy, 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. (Included in our full lawn programs.)
- Crabgrass Control:** Crabgrass is an annual grassy weed that shows up in hot weather & 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 & also helps to control other summer weeds. Call us to schedule yours 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 harm to lawns than good.
- Spring Pruning:** Spring is a great time to prune! 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! Or call us for our pruning company recommendation!
- Turn On & Inspect Sprinklers:** Once the ground has thawed and temperatures have risen above freezing, it's time to turn your sprinkler system on & inspect it for winter damage. If you do this yourself, make sure to have a step-by-step guide. Or call us for our sprinkler company referral. 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!

Happy Spring! Let's give your landscape a great start!