



# Grass Roots

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## Turf talk 2011.1

We look forward, once again, to being your lawn care service provider. Thank you for your confidence in us.

We plan to begin our first round of applications April 4<sup>th</sup>. We have been checking soil temperatures, and only in the south and west facing portions of turf areas have the temperatures approached fifty degrees. We should be warmer by April 4. We anticipate that the first cycle of applications will take four to five weeks. As you probably recall, our first application is a pre-emergent herbicide with fertilizer. Our goal is to stimulate turf growth and to control the roots and shoots of susceptible weeds as they emerge. As it gets warmer, we will begin spraying weeds not controlled by the pre-emergent herbicide.

This season we are offering an increase in the number of pest prevention treatments. We will perform up to five of them, each coupled with your fertilizer application.

We always offer spring reminders. Now is a good time to clean up debris from the yard. While you are doing that, look for problem areas that you might need to address with us (snow mold; vole damage). We recommend nothing more than a leaf rake, used gingerly. We don't want to tear anything up if we can help it. Mowing the yard can help stimulate growth and help clean up the yard. It is one of two times a year that we suggest a lower setting on the mower deck. Your turf will also benefit from a Spring aeration. If you have an irrigation system, we will aerate after the system is on so we can flag the heads. Speaking of irrigation, we usually have adequate rainfall at this time of year. Nevertheless, the burden falls to you if it doesn't rain, especially after one of our applications. They do not work unless they are watered in.

Getting off to a good start is important to the health of your lawn. Please let us know if we can help you in any way.

## Custom containers from CM's and Concrete Countertop Innovations



Container gardens come in all shapes and sizes. They serve as an accent or the focal point in a landscape, an entryway or a patio.

CM's can create a custom concrete pot for your specific needs. Manufactured by the craftsmen of Concrete Countertops Innovations in our shop, no two pots are identical. You won't find these at your local garden center or hardware store.

CM's will deliver and set pots to our clients' specifications. Do-it-yourselfers may want to handle the filling and planting; however, we provide that service as well.



Whether you are looking for a unique container for your landscape, or you are thinking ahead to Mother's Day, consider a custom concrete pot from CM's - A Cut Above.



## Reminders

1. Schedule sprinkler turn-on service.
2. Sharpen mower blades.
3. Spring mowing height: 2.75 - 3.25 inches.
4. Apply pre-emergent weed control to landscape beds once forsythias start to bloom.
5. Begin treating flowering crab apple trees for cedar apple rust.

## On our blog...

... at [www.cmscustomlawn.com](http://www.cmscustomlawn.com)

- ◇ Rachael and Tobias offer tips on building a raised planting bed.
- ◇ Check out our potatoes' progress. They're growing like, well, potatoes!



## Kudos to CM's

CM's-A Cut Above received the 2010 All Star Award from

Constant Contact, marketing advisor to small businesses worldwide. We are grateful to Constant Contact and to all of our clients who receive our newsletter electronically, and those who follow us on Facebook, Twitter and our blog.

Go to our website to join our mailing list or follow our social media sites and blog.

# Omaha Home Show booth is a hit



The meandering path through our booth invited visitors to roam and imagine their own home transformation possibilities.

The Omaha Home Show was a great venue for displaying a sample of various outdoor entertainment and landscape components. Among the features our booth included were an outdoor kitchen, fireplace, water feature, pergola, paver patio and retaining walls. We were thrilled to see so many old and new friends during the show. If you missed it, you can see more photos of our booth and several of its features in the Gallery on our website.



A cozy seating area near the fireplace is great for conversation or board games. Check out the game table from Concrete Countertop Innovations.

## What do we do after the snow and before we mow?

If it was March, we could be found at the Big Buck Classic and the Omaha Home Show. Thanks to the hard work of our designers, concrete artisans and our production personnel, we mounted two incredible exhibits in back-to-back weekends!

Here are a few pictures of our Big Buck Classic booth. More can be found in the Gallery on our website.



Concrete table with stainless steel inlay.



Concrete pot with etched buck silhouette.



Top view of concrete pot. Displayed as a water garden, this versatile planter can easily be reconfigured as a container garden or water feature.



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