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Turf talk 2011.7

As we approach the late part of the growing season, there are some reminders for turf lovers everywhere.

- Don't skip fertilizer applications
- Continue mowing

We sometimes receive calls asking us to skip one of the two later applications. The bulk of our nitrogen goes down now, providing valuable benefits to your turf. Now is not the time to stop treatments. As for mowing, long grass and piles of leaves buried under snow are the chief contributors to snow mold. Regular weekly mowing often goes well into November. Keep up the good work.

We continue to see good recovery of diseased and heat-stressed turf. Those of you who overseeded will see even more improvement in your lawns. Please continue to follow the irrigation instructions we provided for newly planted seed.

If you only aerated once this year, consider adding a second aeration next year. Your lawn will appreciate it!

We deserve a great autumn; enjoy your lawn and landscape until the snow flies.

From the office...

Instructions for **sprinkler winterizations** have been mailed! We will start winterizing systems the week of October 10.

Don't forget to check our website for information on how to backdrain your system.



Reminders

1. Renew snow contract.
2. Schedule sprinkler winterization.
3. Schedule fall bulb planting.
4. Schedule holiday lights installation.

Holiday décor made easy

Do you realize there are only seven more weekends before Thanksgiving, the official start of the holiday lighting season?

That's right! If your to-do list looks like ours, there's an awful lot to do these waning fall weekends. Where does holiday lighting fall on your list? Let's face it. In October, there isn't much of a sense of urgency for this chore, but come November, it is a different story. Will you be climbing a ladder and stringing lights in the cold?



Give this annual chore a pass this year. Your holiday lighting experts at CM's are ready to decorate your home and grounds with the latest in holiday decor. We can design and install an outdoor lighting array to your unique specifications. It doesn't end there. We will be back after January 1 to remove your decor as well. You don't have to lift a finger except to

call us to set up your design and installation sessions.

Installations begin later this month and our schedule will fill quickly. Call us today to discuss your exterior holiday decor ideas. Let us turn your home or business into a magical place for the holidays.

Fall special: Trees

It is that time of year. Our nurseries are in inventory-reduction mode and that means savings for **YOU!**

Take advantage of the season's perfect growing climate and some great pricing. Plant a tree and improve your home's curb appeal while generating energy savings.

Call us today to discuss enhancing your landscape with new trees.



The Rain Gauge

For a normal month of October, your turf should receive approximately one inch of precipitation per week. Precipitation per week is the combined amount of Mother Nature's rain plus anything you add to it. Excessive watering will only waste water and promote unhealthy growing conditions in a variety of ways.

2011 Operation Shining Salute - VOTE!

We are pleased to announce the nominees for our 2011 holiday lighting contest:

- Tom, Tiffany, & Family
- Adam, Lena, & Family
- Emily, Andy, & Family
- Shawn, Kitty, & Family



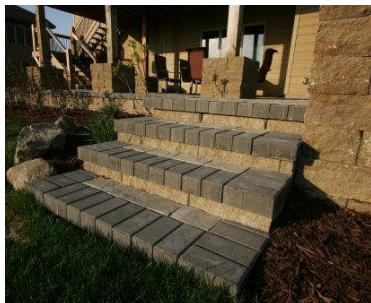
We are grateful for their military service and the sacrifices they make every day. Thank you to all who took the time to recognize and honor these families with a nomination.

Now it is up to you. Please take a few minutes to go to our website, read the nominations and cast your vote. Invite your families and friends to do the same. Help us make this an amazing holiday for one of these families.

The winner will be announced later this month on our website, blog, Facebook page and in our November newsletter.

Step up your game with a new patio, driveway or entry

Fall is the perfect time of year for those end-of-the-season hardscape projects. Call us today to discuss your plans for a new patio, entryway, sidewalk or driveway. Don't forget to accentuate your completed project and beautiful landscape with lighting.



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