

## Protect your pavers



Before

Enhance your paver patio, walk and drive by sealing the pavers. Sealing forms a durable protective film, making the surface easier to clean. Protect your investment against stains from oil, dirt and water. You can choose from a wet look, a natural look or invisible protection.

Call CM's today to learn more about paver sealing.



After

## Notes from the Office

Instructions for **sprinkler winterizations** have been mailed! We will start winterizing systems the week of October 5th.

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

## Cool season grasses thrive in Autumn months

There are things you can count on in the fall if you have a cool season grass lawn.

- Recovery from fungus as the temperatures and humidity moderate.
- Re-emergence of the cool season grasses as the dominant species in your turf as the favorable temperatures conducive to their growth become more prevalent.
- Better weed control as the undesirable plants, in an effort to store food sources, translocate herbicides more efficiently in the process for a better "kill rate."

We have seen some rust in turf. As you may recall, it blows up from Kansas in late August or early September. Since it was later this year, we believe it will be short-lived because of the higher concentrations of nitrogen we are putting down with this round of applications.

Every year, we mention that this is not the time of year to cut back on lawn maintenance. Continued use of good mowing practices, irrigation, and nutrition are important in making sure your lawn does well over the winter and comes out of winter ready to go. 60% of the nitrogen we apply goes down this time of year. We have just started our 5<sup>th</sup> round of applications, and the 6<sup>th</sup> round will follow fairly quickly on its heels. While we like to finish around Thanksgiving, the last round can be applied as long as the ground is not frozen solid. To the extent that we can, we will work around your falling leaves. Raking them up on a regular basis will help us and your lawn.

If you are interested in more information about turf and related issues, The University of Nebraska at Lincoln is a tremendous repository of information through the Ag Department or the Extension Office.

## 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.

## A new name, a new career



Christine & Greg Nelson

Best wishes to Christine Monico and Greg Nelson who were married at St. Bernadette's Catholic Church on August 1, 2009. Christine has been an employee of CM's for the past eight years. While she has fulfilled many roles here, Christine spends most of her time managing Accounts Payable and Receivable and training Chuck, Sr. to do the same.

That's right! Starting in November, Christine begins her career in public accounting with McGladrey & Pullen. Chuck, Sr. will add A/P-A/R duties to his current responsibilities of managing the turf operations division.

Christine's contributions over the years have been numerous. All of us at CM's greatly appreciate all she has done and wish her the best in her future endeavors.



## Reminders

1. Return snow contracts
2. Schedule sprinkler winterization
3. Schedule bulb planting and fall clean ups
4. Schedule Christmas light installation

# Tis the season for holiday lights

It isn't too early to start thinking about the holidays!

Holiday lighting adds to the season's festive mood and brightens a home's appearance. Don't forget: LED technology makes Christmas lighting more energy efficient than ever so there's no excuse for an unadorned house.

CM's can install your exterior decorations before Thanksgiving and, after January 1, return to your home to remove, package and label your lighting decorations before moving them to your designated home storage area.



**Take a break this holiday season and leave the lighting to us. Sign up in October — receive a 10% discount!**

# Save on fall tree planting



*Burning Bush*



*Black Hills Spruce*

We always think about planting our tulip and daffodil bulbs in the fall but don't forget, fall is the perfect time for many planting projects. Cool air and warm soil temperatures along with adequate precipitation make for optimal growing conditions for new trees, shrubs and other plants.



*Clump River Birch*

Our nursery vendors have made a wide variety of shade and ornamental trees available at special fall prices. By planting now, you can **save 10% - 30%** on most trees.

In today's tumultuous economic times, it still makes sense to invest in your home by updating your landscape. Properly planted trees help reduce home energy expenses while enhancing a home's curb appeal.

Call CM's today to discuss your plans for "sprucing" up your property this fall!



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