

Turf Tips



We are cruising through our second round applications. Based on observations, turf is doing well so far. Our third application is scheduled to begin the week of June 15. We will be applying Mach 2 as our grub control product this year. Rumor has it that Monsanto is discontinuing the product after this year. We would expect that another product with a different mode of action will be on the market in the near future, and we still have Merit, a very effective product. Over the years, competition between the two has helped us keep our prices down.

Sometimes we sound like a broken record; but, as usual, it is the same things that we want all of you to pay attention to as you enjoy your yards. So, here we go:

- Keep those mower blades sharp
- Mulch if at all possible
- Mow at the highest setting
- Water infrequently and deeply
- Rotate the "play" traffic patterns in your yard when it is hot
- When the weather turns hot and humid, and your cool season lawn is not at its best, remember what it looked like now and will look like again in the fall

Above all, have a great summer!



The Rain Gauge

For a normal month of June, your turf should receive approximately 1 - 1.5 inches 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.

Summertime and the livin' is easy

What could be easier than a patio party? That depends on your backyard!

Did you shy away from hosting a Memorial Day cookout because you don't have the room? Maybe your patio just needs some updating. Whatever the case, CM's can help you create the right space for your entertainment and relaxation needs.

Regardless of the scope of the project, it is important to remember some key components before starting. First, what is your goal for the space? Second, what is your budget? Third, what special features would you like to include?



Gather around a firepit for drinks and s'mores.



Multiple levels offer versatility for entertaining. Raised planting beds are easily maintained and soften the hardscape.

A cozy conversation spot for a private chat.

A water feature adds visual interest as well as soothing sounds to a backyard retreat.



CM's is the proud winner of the 2009 Ultimate Backyard Challenge and can bring those same design and construction talents to your outdoor living needs. Let us know how we can help you get ready for your summer entertaining.



Reminders

1. Plant spring annuals
2. Prune spring-flowering shrubs
3. Inspect irrigation system
4. Check out our blog at <http://cmcustomlawn.blogspot.com> for Rachael's DIY tips on lilac pruning.

Transitions

CM's bid farewell to Customer Service Representative Gail Mueller last month. We'll miss her sense of humor and her willingness to tackle any project with enthusiasm. We wish her the best of luck as she begins her new position as a legal secretary.

Stay tuned to *Grass Roots* for information on personnel changes in the coming months.

Keep pests in their place

"The ants go marching one by one, hurrah! Hurrah!..."

The ants are stirring and many folks are singing that old song these days.

Don't forget: CM's offers perimeter pest prevention. We treat exterior foundations, overhangs, windows and door jambs - all the favorite entry points of creepy critters like ants, spiders, beetles, and their pals.

We are so confident in our service that it comes with a risk-free guarantee. If you're not happy with our service, we'll re-treat for free! If you still aren't satisfied, we'll refund your money!

Call us today to schedule your home for perimeter pest prevention. You'll be singing a new tune! *Hurrah! Hurrah!!!*



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