

Those Pesky Wabbits!

As kids, who didn't laugh at the antics of Bugs Bunny and Elmer Fudd? It is a different story when you are a property owner trying to maintain your landscape and keep Bugs and his buddies from destroying your investment.



Healthy coral bell

While there's no sure-fire way to completely eliminate the problem, a lot of people have remedies that they've tried with some or no success. We'd love to hear what you've done to minimize the damage done by hungry bunnies.



Coral bell after bunny's dinner

Please send us an email with your ideas for waging the bunny war. Let us know what you've tried and how successful you were in your efforts. Feel free to send any pictures along with your message to mjherron@cmcustomlawn.com. We'll post responses in upcoming newsletters, on our blog and our Facebook page.



The Rain Gauge

For a normal month of July, your turf should receive approximately 1.5 - 1.75 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.

Turf News: Time to consider Renovation, Aeration/Overseeding

We are two weeks into the application known affectionately as the grub application. The product we are using, is Mach II (molt accelerating compound halofenozide.) Grubs will die within three weeks of feeding on treated turf. Generally, that time period limits the amount of damage they can do. On our blog, you will find additional information on the modes of action of the two products we have available to us. Healthy lawns seldom see any damage.

We are also spraying for broadleaf weeds and, if you told us to, we are spraying for nutsedge.

Many of us have yet to turn on our irrigation system. It surely would be nice to capture some of the run-off to use at a later date. The technology is available. It just needs to be more affordable. Continue to monitor moisture levels in your lawns. If you have an irrigation system, make sure it is in good working order. You will need it sometime this year.



It seems strange to talk about overseeding and renovations when everything is so green, but it is good to assess the overall quality of your turf throughout the year. If there are areas that have suffered from heavy traffic, or areas that repeatedly do worse than others, think about introducing some different varieties of grass. We are always ready to help you work through your needs and preferences. With both sod and turf, the cultivars improve every year, with many of the improvements coming from research that is conducted in Mead, Nebraska.

Helpful hints:

- With all the precipitation we've had lately, it has been hard to mow when the grass is dry. As a rule, it is better to do so.
- It is definitely time to be at the highest mower setting. If your grass has gotten away from you, mow it twice, the second time at an angle or perpendicular to your first cut.
- Try to reduce traffic when your lawn is wet with dew and in the heat of the afternoon.
- While you're at it, make sure you stay hydrated.

As always, if you have any questions about the condition of your turf or landscape, please do not hesitate to give us a call. We are ready to assist you in preserving and protecting your investment.

Congratulations

to Irrigation Division Manager Jeff Yost who received his BS in Computer



Information Systems last month. Jeff was a seasonal employee when he began his secondary education at UNL in 1999. He postponed college and began working full time for CM's in 2002. Jeff completed an accelerated degree program at Bellevue University in 15 months while working full time. He hopes to find a position as a System Administrator but, until then, you'll find him donning his CM's gear and leading our sprinkler team.



Reminders

1. Schedule turf renovation or aeration & overseeding
2. Schedule irrigation system review
3. Apply disease & insect spray to trees & shrubs.
4. Check out our blog for Rachael's DIY tips on rose care, <http://cmcustomlawn.blogspot.com>

DIY: 5 Steps to Beautiful Roses



- Plant in full sun.
- Proper pruning. Hybrid Teas should be pruned back to the first set of five leaves.
- Well-drained soil is preferred. Roses will not thrive if they constantly have wet feet.
- Fertilize. Roses are heavy feeders, especially when in bloom.
- Mulch.



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