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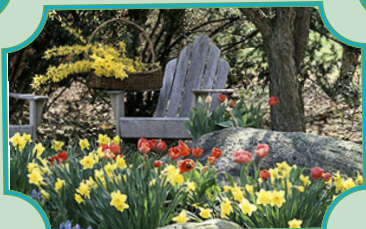
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YOUR MARCH 2023 "GARDEN TIPS" *Professional Tips For Beautiful Landscapes*

Your landscape gives you and your family a great deal of satisfaction; even pleasure. This doesn't happen without effort and expertise. It is always our intention to provide those services you need for your landscape's health and beauty without concern so you can just enjoy it!



LOOKING FORWARD *PRO REMINDERS*



Suffocate overwintering insect eggs and scale insects with **horticultural oil spray soon.**

Fertilize Now: **turf** to wake it up and promote root growth; **shrubs** to help heal damage and promote root growth; **trees** because they were damaged or not fertilized recently.



Houseplants will resume growing now, needing more water, sunlight, and light monthly fertilizing.

Lawn Seeding Repair: maybe because of disease, salt damage, shaded areas . . . please appreciate that the soil is cold, resulting in seed germination taking up to three times longer than normal. Please have patience!

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While March can still surprise us with winter's signature cold and snow, spring conditions will not be deterred. Days are getting longer, temperatures are moderating, and the more abundant light triggers your lawn and plants' revival with new growth and flower displays from bulbs, on shrubs, and soon, on your flowering trees.

While February may have been time for dreaming of what you'd like to accomplish in your landscape this season, March is the time to make plans to review suggested conservation services, like pruning, fertilizing, insect and disease control; or a new project, perhaps like that new planting or deck for entertaining you've always wanted.

Meanwhile, we are intent upon providing you with our best services and enlightened care to bring joy to your outside living experience.

But "Nature" has also helped. During freezing-thawing cycles your soil has been loosened and churned, and the grinding action has provided minerals from deeper soil layers to replenish what was used last season. We now just have to apply those nutrients that a soil test indicates, as well as nutrients which are always needed, like nitrogen. Nature's action saves you money.

On the other hand, "Nature," with the winter weather conditions, may have caused some problems that we'll have to address.

**Meanwhile, get ready to
enjoy your
well-cared-for
landscape, with its
kaleidoscope
of colors, various leaf
shades and textures;
and appreciate the
wonder of your plants'
annual renewal,
designed for variety
and beauty
as a visual overdose!**



NOTE: We advocate for the most obvious basics for a healthy and, therefore, beautiful landscape: fertilizer for turf, trees and shrubbery; soil conditioning and an adequate and reliable supply of water throughout the season; and necessary pruning of trees and shrubbery. In so doing, your turf and plants are more vibrant with less chance of disease and insect occurrences which reduces the need for rescue chemistry applications.

Early Spring Start-Up Considerations

TURF



Salt-Damaged Turf

Coming out of winter, one can count on having bare spots in shaded areas that will need seeding a.s.a.p. in order to cover the bare soil.

However, there may be damage if salt was used to fight slippery snow and ice. That will require more effort to repair, including a 'salt-out' treatment if severe.

Then snow-mold (which doesn't need snow) can damage turf, but usually only needs raking along with the normal application of fertilizer to get turf growing green.



Winter Disease Damage

SHRUBBERY



Desiccation Damage

Winter weather is mostly dry and cold which causes moisture loss in evergreens because their root systems aren't able to function. The result is damaged needles and leaves. An antidesiccant treatment is often recommended each fall. The protocol now would be to prune or trim damaged foliage, and then provide fertilizer to foster new growth to repair the damage which may take several seasons, depending upon the extent of the damage.



Pruning Needed

Also, upon observing all your shrubbery, one usually will find the need to remove dead twigs within the inner parts of the evergreens, and obvious dead stems in your deciduous shrubbery. Removing this dead wood, as well as pruning for size and shape, enhances their appearance and health.

YOUR TREES



Frost Crack

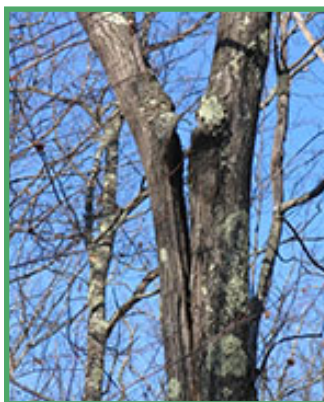
Precious trees; irreplaceable, and so important to every landscape!

Winter helps trees by letting them 'rest,' while also loosening soil which encourages deeper penetration of roots to harvest moisture and nutrients from deeper levels for sustaining health.

But, winter weather can be unkind; ice and winds break limbs which need to be pruned and inspected for rotten wood. Sun heat in late winter-early spring can bring up sap during the day, and then freeze it at night, causing wounds that require attention to protect the tree from insects and disease.



Sun Scald



Inspect For Winter Damage

Landscapes To Stimulate Ideas for You



Sloping Landscape



Patio With Containers



Narrow Solution



Inviting Entrance

We'll Be Providing More Suggestions & Ideas Throughout The Season