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Compacted Soil? Aerate!

Soil compaction, which is the main reason for aeration, can lead to a decrease in the turf's top growth and overall turf deterioration if steps aren't taken to correct it. When soil is compacted, the pore spaces that hold oxygen are reduced in size. Roots need this oxygen to grow, and they're literally starved of it in compacted soil.

The best way to relieve soil compaction is to have your lawn aerated yearly, and fall is a great time to do it.

Determine whether your turf needs to be aerated by digging up a small section and inspecting the roots. If the turf section has less than 2 inches of root growth, it is time to aerate. Any turf growing in clay-based soil will be healthier with a yearly aeration.

How to Aerate Turf using an Aerator

Aeration of turf starts by preparing the area. Ideally, the turf should be watered one to two days prior to aeration. Adding at least one inch of water to the soil generally makes it easier for the aerator to penetrate the soil. Be careful, aerating a muddy or extremely wet area can clog up your equipment.

There are two tools used to aerate - a core aerator and a spike aerator. A core aerator removes cores of grass and soil from the turf whereas a spike aerator poke holes into the turf. We recommend using a core aerator because this method is much more effective.

Properties of the Month: NOVEMBER

Addington Place
Golden Isles



Baynard Park
Savannah



Amelia Nat'l Golf Club
Support Services



Hayden Pointe
South



Each Property of the Month is selected by the Branch Manager according to the crew's monthly Quality Control report.

Core aeration uses a machine known as a core aerator to remove cores of soil 1/2" to 3/4" in diameter from the turf. The holes that are made in the lawn will be anywhere from 1" to 6" deep, and the soil cores that are left behind will eventually dissolve back into the turf through rainfall or irrigation.



Although proper fall feeding is just one part of a good overall annual program, it's very important and often underrated. Many people see fall feeding as an optional "snack before bed" for their landscape plants. This is a misconception. Fall feeding is probably the most important feeding of the entire year since it has a direct effect on plant performance through the whole next season.

As with the growth and health of people and animals, both your lawn and landscape need regular, healthy food to maintain vigor, fight off sickness, and discourage pests. Although the feeding cycles are different between people and plants, it's just as true that depriving your valuable landscape plants of proper nourishment when they need it the most will lead to much poorer performance and possibly higher maintenance costs in the long run.

Fall Aeration Benefits

Fall aeration is one of the best things you can do for your lawn, and it will provide your turf with multiple benefits, including:

- Better rooting
- Increased flow of water, nutrients and oxygen to the roots
- Breakdown of the thatch layer, which can become harmful if it gets too thick
- Prevention of fertilizer and/or pesticide run-off in severely compacted areas

If you haven't done so already, be sure to call our office or speak to your Client Relations Manager to have the turf on your property aerated before the end of this year. You, and your lawn, will be glad you did!



Fall into Your Outdoor Living

Fall is the BEST time for Outdoor Living and this is the perfect time to add hardscapes to your landscape. We'd love to help you bring some of your indoor living outdoors, so give us a call to talk about your project. We want to help make your idea into reality!

Team Members of the Month: NOVEMBER

Osmar Martinez
Golden Isles



Dani Wells
Support Services



Carlos Brown
Savannah



Angel Molina
South



These team members display our core values (**Responsive, Ownership, Observant, Trusted, Skillful**) in all that they do while working, have excellent attendance, and are constantly trying to improve themselves.

Thanks to Those Who Make So Much Difference!

There are so many times through the season when we're reminded just how much of a "people business" we're in. Like when a customer wins a civic beautification award and makes a point of letting us know. Or how we're sure we'll hear from Mrs. Fangle every spring—checking on what height she should set her mower. And there's the great feeling we all get when offered a glass of water or iced tea in the middle of a long, hot day. Through all the difficulties of battling weeds, crabgrass and adverse weather, these are the things that make the work we do a real pleasure. And, although we don't get the opportunity to express our gratitude as often as we'd like, we're here to tell you that **you're the reason for the very existence of our company.**

Proper care for healthy growth requires a constant balance of applied science, effort, and a spirit of co-operation. **Your help has made delivering excellent results easier.** And we truly appreciate the confidence you've placed in our abilities. To keep that confidence, we're constantly improving our knowledge and staying up-to-date with any new developments that might help us serve you better.

We study the results of university testing as well as do tests of our own before we add anything to our line-up of available services. For you, this means that all our recommendations are horticulturally sound and made with a view to producing the healthiest and most trouble-free lawn and landscape possible.

When we go to work on your property, it's in a special partnership with you. The success we've had is due largely to you—our customers—for following so closely the hints on cultural practices and other suggestions we've offered.

Of course, there will always be the curveballs of too much or too little rain and temperatures that are too high or too low that nature likes to toss at us—and we've had a few this year. But together, we can usually work around most of them and continue to keep your corner of the world a green and enjoyable place for you and your family.

That's the reason we're here. To take the load of care and maintenance off your schedule and off your mind. To make your property a haven for enjoyment and relaxation instead of a weekend taskmaster.

Next year's already shaping up to be better than ever. We're reviewing new equipment and materials and gearing up for training and education. We'll be well-equipped and ready to handle all your needs and we're looking forward to serving you during the year ahead.

Perennial Pruning

Cutting back all perennials in the fall so the beds look neat and clean is not a recommended practice. For some perennials, leaving old growth will provide insulation and winter protection for the crown of the plant. Perennials should be cut back in early spring after the last frosts. Cutting back too early may encourage new growth which may not have time to harden off before winter.

- **Butterfly Bush** - Watch for new growth at the base in spring; prune to about 6"
- **Lantana** - Prune in late winter to the ground - cover with mulch until new growth starts to appear.
- **Plumbago** - Can be hardy, if planted in the right place. Spring prune.
- **Ornamental Grasses** - Keep foliage and seed heads for winter interest. Cut back to 6"-8" in early spring. (February/ March)
- **Mexican Heather** - Leave top growth for winter protection. Prune in February/ March after new growth starts from the base.
- **African Iris** - Marginally evergreen, depending on where it is planted. May be cut back in early spring to about 4".



Your Licensed Professionals Deliver Value.

As in any profession, it's important that we know our job. With hundreds of plant varieties, insects and diseases, professional knowledge means more professional results. You may not realize that most professional lawn technicians and applicators must meet special training and testing requirements from the EPA and state in order to be licensed or certified to work with your lawn or landscape. Then, for certification to be maintained, on-going education and training must continue every year.

Before we work on your lawn, you can be sure we not only know what we're doing, but how to do it best.

This means better results and fewer problems for you when you employ only carefully trained and certified professionals to work on your lawn and landscape.

Count on us for care that's our professional best... for you and for the earth we all share!

Our team appreciates your feedback and support!

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