



Grass Roots

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Midseason Review

We are well into the second

application of the season, and we continue to see the impact of the winter we had. Turf areas that have not recovered will no longer recover. Small areas of bluegrass turf may fill in throughout the season, but any large bare areas will require overseeding late summer into early fall. This includes some areas that we overseeded last fall, some of which may not have been as well established as we would have hoped prior to the onset of the cold, dry, windy winter. It is not too early to schedule overseeding. The window is narrow, so the earlier you call us, the better we are able to complete your work in a timely manner. If you have areas of stressed turf, it is all the more important to keep the surrounding turf healthy. To that end, mow high and water as needed. We are receiving adequate moisture in the form of rain right now, so the need for supplemental irrigation is minimal. Continue to monitor moisture at the root zone and observe the overall color of the turf and its ability to bounce back after you walk on it as we continue through the growing season. Cool season grasses would prefer to be a little dry rather than overly wet. Maintaining healthy turf is always more cost effective than replacing damaged turf.

Soil temperatures have averaged 4-12 degrees cooler this spring, and the landscape reflected that. Turf, plants, and trees all seem to be coming around more slowly than usual. We appreciate your patience as we delayed our applications of pre-emergents so that we were applying at a time when the product could do the most good.

The number of clients who sign up for perimeter pest control continues to grow. If you have trouble with larger than normal insect populations, or insects that are not content in the space you allow them, we can treat the perimeter of your house or portions of turf and shrubs to help maintain control. Just [contact us](#), and we can add the service to your account.



Perfect Patio for a Party

The unofficial start of summer is here and it seems like there is a party every weekend. Do you have your party space prepared?

This homeowner enjoys a wooden deck perfect for socializing and dining. Large column units raise the pergolas that surround the deck. The deck also has steps on every side of it to provide spacious walkways.



The deck descends to the Urbana paver patio, complete with a designated grilling area surrounded by a free-standing wall.

Rounding out the party patio is a stone fireplace with free-standing seat wall. What a great way to keep the party going all night!



And what is behind it all, but a landscape complete with evergreens, shrubs, landscape lighting and retaining wall as well as a beautifully manicured lawn. Let's get this party started!

[Contact us](#) for your patio!



Reminders

1. Plant spring annuals
2. Prune Flowering Shrubs
3. Inspect irrigation systems



Is it okay if an irrigation head sprays my tree trunk?

Many of us rely on our

irrigation systems to provide water to our turf, shrubs, and flowers to keep them looking great throughout our hot, dry summer months. So it may not seem like a big deal if the trunk of the tree gets wet several times per week. However, trees do not absorb water through the trunk or leaves. Trees get their water through feeder roots found along the dripline of the tree and beyond. The bark of a tree is not designed to get wet on a regular basis. It is very similar to a cork-like substance and is water resistant but not water repellent. Most decay fungi are spread through water droplets, so when the bark of a tree is kept moist by the irrigation system it becomes a breeding ground for decay fungi. Add a small nick or scratch to the trunk from an animal, kids being kids, or lawn equipment, and you have a perfect storm resulting in an infection by decay fungi that the tree will not be able to fight off and will eventually kill the tree.

You may want to eliminate the irrigation head in question and install a mulched landscape bed around the tree. Another option is to make adjustments to the irrigation system, such as moving the heads so they direct water away from the tree, but still provide adequate cover to the turf area. In both instances, you can simply hand water the trees and other plants or install drip irrigation until the tree and plants are established. [Contact our arborists](#) to coordinate with CM's irrigation crew to develop the best solution for your situation.



Meet Scott Rowedder

We would like you to meet Scott Rowedder. Scott has been with CM's since March 2014. He has an Associates degree in Golf Course and Athletic Turfgrass Management and has several years experience in the industry. Most recently he helped maintain the playing field and the surrounding landscape for the Omaha Storm Chasers. Prior to that, he provided maintenance for the game and practice fields as well as the landscape around the Columbus Crew Soccer Stadium, home of Major League Soccer team, The Crew, in Columbus, Ohio. Scott works with the familiar faces of Chuck Sr., Mitchell, and Matt in the fertilizer division and he also works with our arborists in the tree care program. We are excited to have Scott and his turf knowledge on board.

WELCOME SCOTT!



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