



Grass Roots

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Turf Talk 2014.05 If you did not think that your lawn needed overseeding this fall or you forgot to call us about it, you do have an option. It is dormant seeding. We have used dormant seeding in the past, and we have been observing some test plots for the past two years that the University of Nebraska has at its Mead, Nebraska facility. Their results are pretty impressive and confirm our opinion that dormant seeding is a good option for many people when other constraints keep them from the ideal fall seeding.

The process is pretty straight forward. We double-plug the yard, before the ground freezes, and then broadcast seed. The key is that we wait until the soil temperatures are low enough to prevent seed germination this fall. We will want good snow cover (the wild card in the process). When it melts in the spring with warming temperatures, it provides the initial irrigation for the seed as the soils warm to a temperature suitable for germination. Typically, spring rains are plentiful; and **if** they are, you water less. The "if" is important. You still need to irrigate, and you may need to do so earlier than normal to keep the seed from drying out. Contact us if you are interested.

Our last round of fertilizer applications will begin in mid-October and will be completed by Thanksgiving. We tend to receive calls about these last applications being too late. Rest assured these applications are consistent with our typical schedule. Many times, there are still opportunities to spray broadleaf weeds into the month of November, and we will spray them, weather permitting.

Contract renewal is shortly after Thanksgiving. If there is something we need to address or change or additions that you require, please give us a call so that we can address issues and amend your renewal contract.



It's CM's Holiday Lights Crew!

(To the tune of Gene Autry and Johnny Mark's "Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer," 1949.)

You know we do landscape and tree care and hardscape walls, Concrete and maintenance and sprinkler calls. But do you recall the most creative crew of all?



CM's A Cut Above, (above) Has a very crafty crew. (Who knew?!)
And if you decide to call them, (Call them!)
You would see how it's true.



CM's holiday lights crew, (lights crew)
Design, install and then take down. (Get out of town!)
When you call CM's lights crew, (lights crew)
You'll have the best display in town! (Hands down!)



When you're warm inside this year, You will get to say: (he he he)
"CM's did it all with ease.
I'm glad I didn't have to freeze."



All of the neighbors loved them (loved them!)
They could not seem to believe (Agreed!)
What CM's holiday lights crew (lights crew)
Was able to achieve!
(like the Eiffel Tower)

[Contact CM's for Your Holiday Lighting Needs!](#)



Reminders

1. Schedule sprinkler winterizations
2. Schedule fall bulb planting
3. Schedule holiday lights installation

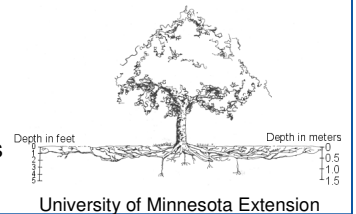


Can we immediately plant a tree where we had a stump ground out?

anchor roots to stabilize and balance the weight of the tree. When a new tree is planted, it needs plenty of room to establish a structurally sound root system. That will be difficult if the tree is surrounded by large roots left by the old tree. Grinding a stump also leaves behind sawdust and woodchips in the soil. The decomposition process of these items uses a large amount of nitrogen, which is a vital nutrient to a new tree's healthy leaf production. In general, it may take 4-6 years for a stump and large root system to decompose. After that process has taken place, there will be room in the soil for the roots of a new tree to grow and the nitrogen will have been replenished.

If you wish to plant a new tree immediately after removing an old tree, it is recommended that the new tree be planted a minimum of 3 feet away from the trunk of the old tree. Depending on the size of the old tree, you may need to go further than 3 feet to be able to dig through the old tree's roots.

If you have a tree that is showing signs of decline, or if you simply want an expert to take a look and assess your trees, contact a CM's licensed arborist for a tree health evaluation.



University of Minnesota Extension



Meet Jose Marentes Chavez

If you have not met him already, we would like you to meet Jose. Jose has been with CM's since the spring of 2006, and he has been in the industry for over 10 years. While we consider Jose a jack of all trades, he is currently a hardscape division foreman for CM's. Jose's favorite type of hardscape projects are retaining walls because they have so much diversity in terms of the type of block and other materials used as well as the size and the function of the wall. It is amazing to see how a retaining wall can transform a space. If you have seen Jose on your property, you have witnessed his meticulous eye for detail and his craftsmanship. CM's is happy to have Jose on our team.



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