



Grass Roots

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Midseason Report

Summer has finally arrived, subjecting man, beast, and turf to heat, humidity, and, in the case of turf, disease. We have seen a rather sudden and, in some cases, dramatic outbreak of disease, mainly brown patch. The humid days, nights and high temperatures are very conducive to disease formation. Often, people will see leaves turning brown and add water, thinking that it is drought injury. In fact, most cool season grasses would prefer to be on the dry side. It is much easier to remedy drought than it is disease. In terms of an action plan, you can wait until September when the temperatures are more moderate and there is less moisture. Most lawns will recover on their own if the damage has not been too great. You can also look at applying a fungicide. Most often, we believe fungicides work better as a preventive measure, with a series of applications begun in the spring. There are curative products that can have some impact depending on the progress of the disease. Good cultural practices go a long way in mitigating disease:

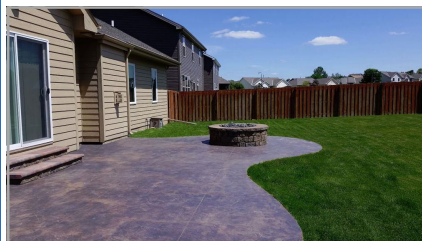
- Limit irrigation to early morning and only then when the turf actually needs irrigation
- Mow with a sharp blade so you can leave a clean cut on the blades of grass
- Limit the application of nitrogen in the late spring and summer
- Plant disease-resistant cultivars when you overseed

Speaking of overseeding, this is the time of year we can talk about overseeding and lawn renovation, whether it is to increase turf density or repair damaged turf. If we are trying to increase turf density, we would first double aerate the yard to increase the number of holes per square foot and then overseed with a seed variety suited to your yard. If the project is geared toward renovation, we will again double aerate the yard, but we then power-rake out undesirable plant material and then overseed. This works best if you have an irrigation system to keep the seed from drying out. If you do not have an irrigation system, and would like one, we would be happy to present a proposal to you. For those without an irrigation system and the inability to drag hoses around, we can do a dormant seeding. Everything is the same except that it is done later in the year when germination is no longer possible, usually in November when the soil temperatures have fallen. The expectation is that melting snow, rain and warming soil temperatures will assist germination the following spring. **Please contact us now; due to the growing season, we aim to have all overseedings complete by September 20th.**



The Best of Both Worlds

You want to expand your patio or driveway, but you want more than the standard gray, broom finish concrete. You love the look of pavers, but with the project you have in mind, pavers might be beyond the planned budget. Is there anything you can do? Try colored or stamped concrete!



This colored and stamped patio was paired with a beautiful gas fire pit.

If you want to take your project a step further, consider a stamped concrete surface. Before the concrete is set, a stamp will be used to add texturing to the surface. CM's uses an Italian Slate stamp.



Concrete is very versatile when it comes to the actual shape of your project, so feel free to think outside the typical box. The myriad of color combinations is virtually limitless. Your project is sure to be one of a kind.



The free standing wall and flagstone path perfectly compliment this colored and stamped concrete patio.



Whether the project is colored concrete or stamped as well, it is imperative to seal the concrete to protect the color and finish. Concrete can be sealed to give the project a wet or matte

finish. Just like other surfaces that require sealing, it will be important to reseal every 3-5 years depending on the elements to which it is exposed.

Contact CM's for Your New Patio!



Reminders

1. Schedule turf renovation or aeration & overseeding.
2. Schedule irrigation system review.
3. Inject disease & insect spray to trees & shrubs.

Introducing the Redesigned CM's Website

CM's is excited to announce the unveiling of our redesigned website. It is set to be up and running this August. On it you will find service information, photo galleries and the useful tips you have come to expect for us, now in a mobile-friendly format! We are excited for this change and hope you will be too. Our website address continues to be www.cmcustomlawn.com. As always with change, there will be some uncertainty and it may take time to get used to it. We hope the below screen shots will guide you to your favorite section of the website.



- The header of every page contains:
1. Important links and a search bar for the CM's site.
 2. Links to company information, galleries and quote requests as well as drop down menus for services.

3. Be sure to visit the home page where you will find a section with links to recent news, blogs, reminders, YouTube videos and, of course, Ask the Arborist!



- The footer of every page contains an expansion of the header which includes:
4. Links to company information, galleries, quote requests and FAQs.
 5. Links to our services as well as the sections that can be found under each main heading.
 6. The client resource section, including the [Client Login](#) for the online payment portal.
 7. Links to CM's social media sites.

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