



Grass Roots

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Season Recap

We began applying our last applica-

tion of the year on October 19th, and we anticipate finishing within a five week window. We will continue to spot spray surviving broadleaf weeds as long as temperatures allow.

Once again, we had a reasonably moderate year for turf, with more than adequate moisture. There were few episodes of high temperatures and high humidity. Fungal outbreaks were, for the most part, minimal in both number and severity; however, we did see some rust late in the season.

Our biggest surprise was some late season grub damage, most of which was discovered only because of the foraging of raccoons and possums. As predicted, healthy, treated lawns are able to withstand insect incursions. Our concern is resistance to the chemicals we use to control grub populations. Fortunately, it seems that the amount of moisture we had may have made the soil even more hospitable for grubs in addition to reducing the effectiveness of the grub application. Based on discussions we had with the staff at UNL, we believe that the product we are using is still an effective control product.

With the continuing mild temperatures, turf continues to grow, and continued mowing is important. Keep the blade sharp and the mower high as you finish out the year. Also remember to pick up or mulch leaves on a regular basis. When you stop mowing for the season, don't forget mower, trimmer, and blower maintenance so you will be ready to go next spring.



Whether you are a new customer this season or you are someone who has been with us for 20 plus years, we appreciate your trust. We look forward to seeing you again next season.



Reminders

1. Schedule fall landscape clean-up and maintenance.
2. Schedule fall bulb planting.
3. Schedule holiday lighting installation.
4. Mark perimeters for snow removal.

Happy Thanksgiving!

As it always does, November has arrived sooner than we thought possible.

We have so much for which we are thankful.

Thank you to our veterans, active-duty service members and their families. Your service and sacrifice is immeasurable. A special thank you to our veterans: Sam Gonzalez, Dave Scearcy and Chuck Monico, Sr.

We are thankful for our employees. The employees of CM's continue to train throughout the year and in the offseason to hone their expertise and work in a safe environment. They **EXPECT EXCELLENCE** from themselves and from each other. Their energy and commitment to the company and its clients sets CM's apart from other companies.

We cannot thank our clients enough. You drive our business. Your continued trust is our foundation. Because of you, we are able to provide stable employment for our CM's family and we are able to support community, educational and charitable efforts.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and we wish you a very happy holiday season!



Guess Who is Coming To Town

Is your home ready for company this holiday season? There's the cooking, the baking, the cleaning, the wrapping of gifts and decorating. The list didn't seem so long when you committed to it. Cross off "putting up the Christmas lights" this year and allow CM's to take care of that for you.



The professionals at CM's offer state-of the art designs, installation, removal and storage for residential and commercial properties with energy efficient LED lights in a variety of colors and styles for any decorating plan. CM's can also design and assemble a holiday planter for your home or business to add a little extra "welcome" to your front door.

A CM's representative will assist you in your design. We offer an array of linkables, traditional lights, lawn decorations and greenery. The possibilities are endless!



[Contact CM's to arrange your design and installation!](#)



Ask The Arborist




I've heard of deep root *fertilizing*, but what is deep root *watering*?

We have discussed the benefits of deep root

fertilizing, such as delivering nutrients directly to the feeder roots (which are responsible for nutrient and water uptake) and aerating the soil by opening up pockets in our heavy clay soil when the liquid is pressure injected into the ground. Our deep root watering service offers these same benefits, only instead of adding nutrients to the soil during the growing season, we are delivering much needed water to the root zone during the winter months.

During the winter months the root system of a tree is still actively growing and still needs moisture to survive. Even if we have favorable moisture content throughout the summer, winter watering is still an important step in tree care, especially evergreen trees, and it will help deciduous trees ready themselves for spring growth. The roots of the tree go through a dormancy that is independent of the top portion of the tree and is slightly different. While the top portion of the tree enters dormancy during the fall and doesn't break dormancy until spring when weather is favorable, a root system stays in a resting-but-ready to grow state. When the ground temperature warms, the roots will break dormancy and begin to grow, searching out water and small amounts of nutrients.

Winter deep root watering fast facts:



-  Watering during the winter is a time and temperature sensitive activity. Trees should be watered once every 20-30 days during extended dry periods without snow cover.
-  Watering should only be done when air and soil temperatures are 40 degrees or higher. If watering by hand, the 40 degree temperature needs to be sustained for a longer period of time than if using the pressure injecting method to allow for greater absorption.
-  If you are watering by hand, watering mid-day is best so that the soil can absorb the water before it freezes.



Lacey, one of our licensed arborists, demonstrates the deep root watering procedure.



Colorado Blue Spruce

-  By using our pressure injected watering system, we have more opportunities throughout the winter to provide trees with the much needed water because it can be done much more quickly without having to wait for the water to saturate the soil. The water is quickly delivered straight to the root zone.
-  Deep root watering can also be done in the summertime in times of drought.

Contact CM's about deep root watering!



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