

# Fall

# Green Scene

Fall 2011

## Today Your Lawn Was Treated With:

Today we treated your lawn with fertilizer, iron and broadleaf weed control. The fertilizer contains 25% slow release nitrogen, so it will last thru next May. During the fall, your lawn is getting ready to go dormant for the winter. Fertilizing during this period is vital to provide an extra boost of nutrients that will be stored and used during dormancy. Roots actually continue to grow underground throughout the winter and rely on the stored food until spring. You might see the tips of the grass blade (1/4") turn brown after this application because of the shock to the plant from the heavier rate of nitrogen. When you mow you will cut it off. The iron in this application will give the turf a darker green color without affecting the growth rate. The broadleaf weed control will wipeout all broadleaf weeds this time of the year. Ground ivy (creeping charlie) and violets are very susceptible to herbicides this time of the year. **Please water in this application after 24 hours to get the best results. You may mow after 24 hrs but do not catch or bag the clippings the first time you mow following the application.**

**Everyone knows that we should rake leaves in fall,** but many don't know why we rake leaves. But anyone who has ever raked them knows that it's tedious work. Some people choose to use leaf blowers, instead. Here's another option: before putting your lawn mower to bed for another winter, fire it up (making sure the grass catcher is attached) and run over the leaves with it. Sort of like "vacuuming" the leaves off your lawn. When you're done, be sure to provide the proper lawn mower care to winterize it.

Many people who have lawn problems do not realize how detrimental thatch build-up is to their grass. An advantage to **raking** leaves is that you can dethatch your lawn at the same time: by raking deeply and vigorously, you can remove thatch as well as leaves. But for cases of severe soil compaction, you'll probably need to call us for core aeration.



## NEW TECHNOLOGY!!

We like to stay current with information and technology in the lawn care industry. Beginning this fall we will be trying a new type of lawn sprayer in which the technician will stand on while spraying. This allows us the freedom to spray your lawn without having to constantly watch that the hose is not being pulled through flowerbeds etc. along with the advantage of getting into smaller spaces!

We ALL appreciate your business this year and we are looking forward to serving you in 2012!

We will be sending you a letter this winter so you may sign up for services for 2012. Prepay customers will receive their letters in January, and continuing service customers will receive a reminder postcard in March, at which time any changes can be made. If you have not heard from us by March 15th, please be sure to call the office so we can be sure we have you signed up!!

## Fall Lawn And Landscape Tips

**Water** all plants and trees deeply before the ground freezes.

**Seed** any bare or thin areas by September 30th for germination this fall or seed in late October for spring seed germination.

**Remove leaves and debris** from lawn areas before the ground freezes.

**Do not prune evergreens** after mid September.

**Lower mower blade** so the grass is 2-1/2" high after mowing. Final lawn mowing in October/November should be 2" high.



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