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GET READY FOR SPRING!!!

Spring Checklist

Here are some helpful tips to kick off your Spring!!!

1. **REMOVE** - Spring is a great time to take out any trees that is unstable or diseased. Remove or transplant shrubs or strays that makes your landscaped beds unbalanced.
2. **RAKE** - Wet mats of debris can lead to disease and mold, smother plants underneath them, and provide a home for pests. Clean up leaves and other dead foliage as soon as possible.
3. **REPAIR/RESTORE** - Examine any structure in your home's exterior (i.e. Fence, Driveway, Patio, Path, Lighting, Pergola, Water & Fire Features, etc.). Perform necessary repairs or maintenance at early trouble signs before it gets worse and repair becomes more costly.

Privacy Screen

Winter months gives us a good sense of where we can use some privacy screen. Using a variety of plant materials can provide you with a natural screen to block off "unsightly background". DO...

RESEARCH - Find out plants that work well in your zone for screening. Talk to your county extension agent or visit your local nursery. Read the plant tags.

PLANT PRECISELY - Pick the perfect spot to make sure you get the screen you want. Mix Trees, Shrubs and perennials. Learn to Layer, Stagger & Group.

KEEP IT REAL - Consider how much time you want to spend maintaining your landscape, then make concessions to fit your needs. This may limit your plant selection but will fit your lifestyle. Another solution is to consider hiring a professional to maintain your grounds..

Winter Lawn Damage

Your lawn may have suffered during the winter months. The first step is to diagnose the problem or cause. The most common causes of Winter Lawn Damage are Crown Hydration, Snow Mold, Voles or Winter Desiccation.

Treating or Repairing Lawn Damage does not have to be difficult. Depending on the extent of the damage, you will either be looking resodding, spot seeding or overseeding. Reseeding in Spring is a bit more tricky due to limited time frame and weather. The main battle is to control weeds such as crabgrass **or** aide lawn seed germination. There is a product available in the market known as Tupersan (Siduron) that can do both. This is a pre-emergent solution with the benefit of controlling crabgrass but also allowing grass seed to germinate.



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