

# Level 1 Lawn Care Services

# Landscape Maintenance Without the Work Take back your weekends!

- Weekly Service
- Landscape Bed/Hard Surface Maintenance
- Early Spring Lawn Application
- Late Spring Lawn Application
- Grub and Insect Control Treatment
- Early Fall Lawn Application
- Late Fall Lawn Application
- Fall Aeration
- Mulch (Hardwood)
- Pruning
- Spring Cleanup
- Fall Cleanup/Fall Cutbacks
- Leaf Cleanup



The property will be serviced weekly during the season from April through November. The estimated number of services will be (32). During raining or extended dry periods, the frequency of mowing may change. With each service, we may provide the following services:

- Mowing all turf areas
- Trimming around all buildings or obstacles
- · Edging curbs with steel blade edger
- Removal of debris from all grass prior to mowing
- Excess grass clippings will be raked or bagged as needed
- All areas blown free of clippings to maintain a neat appearance

#### **Lawn Mowing**

A variety of conditions determine the rate at which grass will grow. Weather, time of year, type of grass, fertilization, and soil conditions all contribute to a lawn's growth rate. We take all these factors into consideration when determining the ideal mowing frequency and height for your yard. The generally accepted rule of thumb is to mow at a rate such that only the top third of the grass blade is removed per cutting. Slicing too deeply into the stems can cause grass to become more susceptible to disease and burn-out more easily during dry periods

On a typical mowing visit, you can expect to see the lawn cut in a straight-lined pattern, opposite in direction from the prior cutting. Alternating the mowing direction from visit to visit prevents the grass from being trained to "lay down", which can cause it to be missed by the mower blades. Once the grass has been cut, a string trimmer is used to touch-up areas inaccessible to the mower. These areas include grass near building foundations and trees, under swing sets, and around any other permanent lawn fixture. Upon service completion, we make sure that driveways, sidewalks, patios, and all other hard surfaces are cleared of any grass clippings.

In general, it has been our experience that lawn mowing is a weekly service, with some exceptions due to aggressive fertilization or watering. Lawns during the months of May and September oftentimes require more frequent service visits, where in July and August, dry conditions typically leave grass dormant and "un-mowable" for weeks. Pricing for lawn mowing requires a visit to the property, as there are many factors to consider. Lawn size, contour, amount of trimming required, and the accessibility to our equipment (i.e. - fenced in back yards) all play a role in a lawns per trip mowing price.

# **Landscape Bed and Hard Surface Maintenance**

Landscape Beds will be weeded and kept free of trash and other debris on a weekly basis. Weed control on all hard surfaces; sidewalks, parking lots, and patios will be performed on a weekly basis in conjunction with the service. This may be done manually or with the use of chemicals to achieve the best results.

#### Landscape Bed Maintenance and Maintenance of Flowerbeds and Perennials

Flowerbeds and tree rings are cultivated to give a groomed appearance. Beds and tree rings are edged with a steel blade, and bed areas are checked weekly, and hand weeded as needed to maintain a neat appearance. Flower heads are pinched, and dead heads removed throughout the growing season. A pre-emergent weed control is applied in spring to reduce weed seed germination in mulched beds. Additional fresh mulch may be installed on request.

- Weed management and prevention
- Mulching and Removal of leaves and other debris
- Edging of beds



# **Lawn Care Fertilization Program Applications**

All turf will be fertilized 5 times per season. Early Spring, Late Spring, Summer, Fall and Late Fall. Annual white grub management will be applied during Late Spring/Summer and power core aeration will be performed in the fall. Broadleaf weed control will be performed on an as needed basis in conjunction with these applications. Our fertilizing program has been carefully developed to provide for maximum turf health and the prevention and/or elimination of unwanted pests and weeds. The application schedule is primarily based on the time of year, though weather conditions, and specific turfgrass issues may also play a role in determining the ideal time for a specific treatment.

#### **Core Aeration**

Aids in thatch reduction, relieves soil compaction, increases root activity, stimulates new growth, and increases water, nutrient, and air movement to the root zone.

A free visual on-site lawn analysis will be provided to you along with your service quote. Upon request, new customers who sign up for the service will receive a chemical lawn analysis at no charge.

#### **Grub and Insect Control**

Insects and grubs can create unsightly bare spots or destroy a beautiful lawn. Grubs feed on the roots underground, while insects cause additional damage from above. Our products effectively control Beetles, grubs, ants, chinch bugs, sod webworms, and many other pests. Prime surface insect and grub control depends on the chemical and weather conditions.

# **Tree/Shrub Program**

This program includes Annual Bagworm Control, Japanese Beetle Control, Spring Tree/Shrub Fertilizer, Fall Tree/Shrub Fertilizer, and Ornamental Weed Control (landscaping beds). Each Service is provided 1 time during the season.

#### **Tree and Shrub Fertilization plus Pest Control**

Like all living things, trees and shrubs must receive regular nourishment to maintain health and beauty. They also must be protected against harmful insects and destructive diseases which, when ignored, can destroy plants, or leave them damaged.

That is why your choice of Wellman's Lawn Care Tree & Shrub Care is so important. Our tree and shrub services have been carefully developed using modern horticultural techniques. Our trained tree and shrub technicians, with state-of-the-art equipment, apply properly formulated materials on a regular treatment schedule that best suits the needs of your trees and shrubs.

A customized Wellman's Lawn Care Tree & Shrub Care program delivers more than proper nourishment and plant protection. It also:

- Protects the considerable investment represented by your Trees and shrubs replacement costs can amount to thousands of dollars.
- Enhances the overall market value of your home.
- Creates an esthetically pleasing environment to provide more enjoyment for you and your family.
- Guarantees stronger, healthier, more beautiful trees and shrubs through a continuing, year after year, professional program.



#### **Insect & Disease Treatment**

Consists of three insect and disease treatments. Spray applications are made to foliage for control of insects: Japanese Beetles, sawfly, tent caterpillar, cankerworms, aphids, scale, mites, leaf miners, and webworms. Diseases reduced include anthracnose, rust, apple scab, leaf spot, and powdery mildew. We would recommend a minimum of at least 2 treatments for maximum effectiveness!

#### **Spring & Fall Fertilization**

A balanced blend of fertilizers is injected into the root zone. This encourages root growth and builds plant strength for maximum summer growth and for surviving the cold winter stress.

Tree or Shrub Trimming and Removal

Deciduous and ornamental trees below 12 feet and deciduous and evergreen shrubs below 6 feet are trimmed and maintained to enhance the natural beauty of the plants. Groundcover and perennial areas are trimmed as required. This trimming is only a shaping of the plant material and controlling of outgrowth, not hard pruning of branches. Debris is removed and hauled away upon completion of each seasonal trimming.

# **Pruning**

All ornamental shrubs, bushes, and ornamental shade trees will be pruned 1 time during the season to ensure a professionally maintained appearance. Tree suckers, shoot growth, and tree limbs impeding walkways and parking areas will be pruned as needed.

#### **Mulch Installation**

All areas that were mulched will get a new layer of mulch and "Snapshot" will be applied for weed control. Total depth of top dress mulch will be (1-2) inches.

Our mulch services include hardwood mulch, hardwood mulch that has been dyed brown, red, or black and Cedar Mulch. Mulch retains moisture in the soil, so you need to water less and it helps prevent germination of weed seeds reducing the need for weed killers. It keeps the soil warm in winter and cool in summer and gives your planting beds a clean, finished look.

# **Spring Clean-Up**

All leaves and miscellaneous debris will be removed from the entire property as part of the spring cleanup. Plants and/or grasses that were not pruned or cut back in the fall will be done so at this time.

# Fall Clean-Up

Cleanup of landscape bed areas including the removal of annual plants and planters as requested. Plants and grasses may be pruned or cut back at this time depending on weather conditions and what is recommended for the plant or at the request of the client.

### **Leaf Removal**

All leaves and miscellaneous debris will be removed from the entire property a minimum of two times per season, or as needed to maintain a neat and professional appearance.