

Level 2 Lawn Care Services

# Landscape Maintenance Without the Work

## Take back your weekends!

- Weekly Service
- Landscape Bed/Hard Surface Maintenance
- Mulch (Hardwood)
- Pruning
- Spring Cleanup
- Fall Cleanup/Fall Cutbacks
- Leaf Cleanup

#### Weekly Services

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

#### 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/Fall Cutbacks

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.