

Spring

Early Spring

- ✦ Early spring is the perfect time to cut back dead foliage of perennial plants and ornamental grasses and remove any leaf buildup from your lawn and landscape beds.
- ✦ Make clean pruning cuts on any winter damaged trees and shrubs, which helps plants heal quickly.
- ✦ If you have space, leave some brush for sheltering wildlife.

Pro Tip

Kentucky Bluegrass is found in many lawns, but it's a high maintenance grass and doesn't support sustainable lawn care. If you have this in your lawn, give us a call and we can help you create a beautiful and sustainable green lawn.

Mid-Late Spring

- ✦ Time to start cutting your grass! Be sure to cut at 3.5"-4" height — mowing too short can put stress on your grass and actually increase weeds in your yard.
- ✦ How much lawn do I really need? Try removing some of your lawn to make more room for native plants. Doing this will bring pollinators, butterflies, and birds to your yard.
- ✦ Choose native plants that produce seeds, berries, and nuts for wildlife. Many of these are edible for us, too!
- ✦ Aerate and overseed your lawn using turf-type tall fescue or other sustainable grass seed mixes.
- ✦ Fertilize your lawn lightly. Most lawns need a little fertilizer in spring to green up. Avoid using pesticides, which are harmful to pollinators, other wildlife, and us.

Fall

- ✦ Mulching leaves, rather than bagging, adds valuable nutrients back to your lawn. It's like free fertilizer! If you bag leaves, you can compost them or dump them in your beds to insulate plants through the winter.
- ✦ Don't cut your perennials and ornamental grasses. They can provide shelter and food for over-wintering birds like cardinals, finches, and cedar waxwing.
- ✦ Leave tree nuts in your yard or pile them up so animals like squirrels and bluejays have food during the winter.
- ✦ Fertilizing your lawn in late October or November will boost root development.

Summer

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- ✦ Lawns occasionally get fungus and diseases in summer, and often benefit from a light fertilization. Make sure to water in times of drought!
- ✦ Your lawn will get weeds, and that's OK. In fact, many common weeds are edible and nutritious! If you want to get rid of weeds, we recommend using organic options.

Mid-Late Summer

- ✦ Trim and prune shrubs after the growing season is over. July is a good time for this.
- ✦ During times of drought, water your lawn at least once per week and your landscape plants once every couple weeks. A good, long soaking helps tremendously!

Pro Tip — Cutting your grass high and over-seeding annually helps to thicken the turf and naturally prevent weeds.



Winter

- ✦ This is the ideal time to prune trees and shrubs while they are in dormancy. We're happy to help if you prefer not being out in the cold!
- ✦ Feeding birds in winter is great fun for the whole family! Our feathered friends greatly appreciate the food and water that you provide, because food is scarce in winter and many birds do not migrate. Set up feeders and water where you can observe birds through a window from the comfort of your home.