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Greetings from Alan



Happy Fall to all of our valued clients; and of course to all whom we have not had the opportunity to work for yet.

One season ends and another begins... To me, Autumn seems to bring the most

drastic changes. Sunshine turning to rain and wind. Green leaves turning to beautiful, brilliant, indescribable hues, and then before we know it, they're gone.

Such is life! We find ourselves in changing seasons of life continually. My problem is that I tend to rush around, not even paying attention or appreciating what's right in front of me or the season of my life that God currently has me in. Instead, I run around and stress about the worries of life and before I know it, that season has again made a drastic change!

Whatever season of life you find yourself in right now, don't be like me; take a moment before the next leaf falls off of your tree of life and reflect on where you are right now. If you are in a tough situation, know that this will soon pass. If all is well, then be grateful and look around. You may find someone who needs your encouragement to get them through their tough season.

I have included in this quarter's newsletter tips for preparing your lawn, perennials, and plants for winter. I hope that you find them helpful.

Thank you for your business, past and future. Have a great rest of 2005!

Alan!

Alan Miller

P.S. If you need help with any of your gardening chores, don't hesitate to call. We'd be happy to help!

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Fun Facts



Fall 2005

Preparing your plants for winter

As temperatures grow cooler and the days grow shorter, an important change is going on in your landscape. By altering the way they use available nutrients, your lawn, trees and shrubs are building up food reserves for the cold winter ahead.

During this time of year, top growth slows down considerably in your plants. Rather than sending nutrients to grass blades and leaves, your plants are storing them underground in their root systems to prepare for new growth next spring.

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Additional benefits

Besides expanding the root system

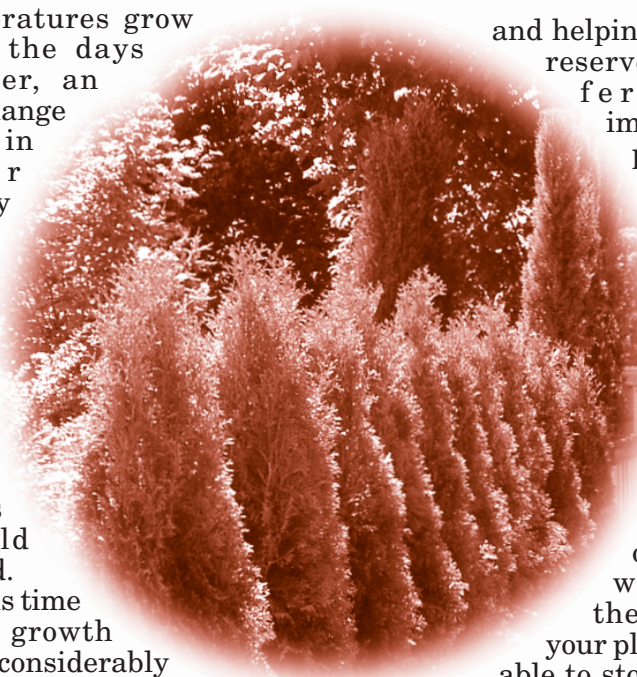
and helping to build food reserves, heavy fall fertilization improves overall plant health for better resistance to cool weather fungus diseases. It may also provide improved color in your turf and evergreens over the winter. When they're well-fed, your plants are better able to store water. This

helps to counteract the effects of cold winter winds which can dry out your lawn and evergreens, causing blades and needles to turn brown.

Fall fertilization leads to a thicker, healthier lawn and increased blooming and flowering on your trees and shrubs in the spring. If you haven't done so already, schedule fall fertilization for your property today.

Landscape Lighting

This time of year is when it seems that we notice the lack of light around our homes. Dark entry's, slippery stairways, and not to mention your family's safety and security are just a few reasons you may want to consider installing landscape lighting. The low voltage landscape lighting systems that Fun Yards designs and installs can help to solve all of the above concerns. It can also truly extend your enjoyment of your outdoor spaces accenting beautiful trees, up lighting a water feature. The possibilities are endless. Call Fun Yards USA today so we can help!



Preparing Perennials for winter

Cutting back all perennials in the fall so the beds look neat and clean is not a recommended practice. For some perennials, considered marginally hardy, leaving old growth will provide insulation and winter protection for the crown. Listed below are plants we definitely don't prune back in the fall, along with recommendations for pruning:

- **Butterfly Bush:** Watch for new growth at the base in spring; prune to about 6".
- **Russian Sage:** Prune in spring as new buds break to encourage fuller plants.
- **Lavender:** Watch for new growth from old stems before pruning; may be late spring.
- **Liriope:** Usually evergreen; keep for winter interest. May be mowed in spring.
- **Christmas and Lenten Roses:** Evergreen. Remove damaged leaves in

early spring.

- **Monch Aster:** Marginally hardy. Wait to prune in spring to protect crown.

- **Plumbago:** Marginally hardy, especially if planted late in season. Spring prune.

- **Fall Mums:** Research has shown if not cut back in fall, plants grew back better and earlier.

- **Ornamental Grasses:** Keep foliage and seedheads for winter interest. Cut back to 6: in early spring (March).

Perennials that are cut back in the fall should be cut back after killing frosts. Cutting back too early may encourage new growth which may not have time to harden off before winter.

Perennials that should be cut back to the ground in the fall (and foliage disposed, not composted) to prevent the spread of diseases associated with them are: Beebalm (Mondarda), Peonies, Tall Garden Phlox and Bearded Iris.

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Introducing More Happy Fun Yards Customers...

Dear Alan

Once again your staff never ceases to amaze me. Who you ask? Well, Bill Patrick of course!

One Monday, the 3rd, I went out to cut my lawn after returning home from work. As I was cutting my back lawn I glanced at the fish in my pond and said hello to them. I was a little surprised that they had gathered at the front of the pond looking at me as I passed them with my lawnmower. I looked up to notice that there was not a drop of water running down the rocks of the waterfall you folks had installed about two years ago. Tried as I could, I could not get the pump to work as every time I reset my GFI, it kept tripping. Being the detective that I sometimes can be, I unplugged both my waterfall lights and pump and then reset the GFI. With power being supplied to the outlet, I carefully plugged first the lights, and then the pump back in. I discovered that as soon as I plugged the pump into the outlet, that it would trip the GFI every time. Now my curiosity really kicked in. Removing my pump from the skimmer box and trying to power up the pump was again futile.

Off into the house to call Bill Patrick. After leaving a message on his cell phone, he called me back after just I'd say, five minutes. I explained the situation to him and he immediately came back with a diagnosis and remedy.

Well he came out the next day just as he promised and replaced the pump. Not only was it replaced, but under warranty! Coming up the side of my house to hear the pleasant sound of the waterfall was music to my ears.

Bill has always treated us with the utmost dignity and respect, and my wife Shawn and I applaud him for that. We see that once again we can depend on your company to always be there for customers no matter how long your work has been done, something other companies should really take a hard look at.

Please offer our heart filled thanks to Bill for giving us the service that your company has been recognized for. This is outstanding quality not only in the products that you carry, but with the service that you provide.

If you don't have an "Employee of the Year" award, then you should because Bill Patrick should be your first recipient!

Sincerely,

Gregory & Shawn Baruso



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