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Maximize Your Fall Landscape

As the leaves begin to change and the cooler weather sets in, you might think that you're landscaping fun is over. But never fear, there are plenty of ways to keep your landscape bright and colorful throughout the colder months.

Here's some ideas to make the most of your fall landscape:

- **Start with plants.** There are a number of fall-friendly plants to adorn your landscape and get in the spirit of the season. Among these, the arrowwood viburnum is a fantastic shrub, lending a bright splash of red foliage to your landscape along with the blue berries it produces during the fall. Another good choice for fall color is the fothergilla, a delightful shrub with fragrant white flowers in the spring and multi-colored foliage in the fall. You should also add a few maple tree varieties to your planting list as well.
- **Fall flowers.** Planting in the fall isn't just limited to trees and shrubs. Quite the contrary, there are several flowering plants that can bring both color and texture to your fall landscape. The red salvia is a good example, providing bright red flowers against deep green foliage. Marigolds are another good choice as are chrysanthemums and ornamental kales.
- **Add some autumn decor.** Fall is a wonderful time for decorating so don't be afraid to go "all-out" in your efforts. Think pumpkins and gourds, cornstalks and even a scarecrow or two to add some personality to your yard. In addition, hay bales, straw, burlap and tin pails and old milk cans can add some real character to your outdoor design.
- **Don't forget seating.** Just because the air is cooler doesn't mean you can't still enjoy entertaining. In fact, the cooler weather can make the outdoors much more bearable, especially when you're standing next to a hot grill. Lay some flat paving stones out to create a solid seating area and then compliment with your favorite lawn chairs and a few of those hay bales we mentioned earlier. Drape a few lightweight throws on the chairs and you've got everything you need to enjoy a fall barbecue.
- **Put away summer toys.** If you've got pool gear and the like laying around your deck or yard, now's the time to put it away to make room for other things. Replace these summer items with things a little more appropriate for the season such as a big muck bucket full of footballs or perhaps a crochet set or game of horseshoes.
- **Connect with nature.** Birdfeeders and houses make great outdoor decorations year round and give the birds room and board during the colder months when food isn't so readily available.

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Thought for the Month...

You are the only problem you will ever have. And you are the only solution.

~Bob Proctor



"It may not be a big deal now, but when your grandmother jumped over the moon, she did it without the help of any performance enhancing drugs."

Now is the time to schedule Hydroseeding for your lawn!

Hydroseeding is the economical way to a beautiful lawn. Fall is the best time to establish a new cool season lawn or overseed any fescue areas that may have thinned out during the summer months. Hydroseeding in the fall gives you a nice lush lawn for the following spring.

Call us at 680-0077 today for your FREE ESTIMATE!

We'd Love To Hear From You!!

Whether you'd like to discuss your property or additional services or just want to drop us a note and say "Hi," we'd love to hear from you...

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\$75 Limit At The Pump

Most service stations now limit a charge to Visa and MasterCard to \$75. Don't blame the station operator. It's the card companies' new policy. They will not reimburse the station owner for more than \$75 if there is a fraudulent purchase of any size.

At \$4 a gallon, \$75 buys 18 1/4 gallons. Gas tanks on many cars hold 20 gallons. Some cars and pickups hold 31 or more and a big Winnebago holds 75 gallons.

Customers who hit the \$75 limit and need more gas must start a new transaction at the pump. They can get the \$75 limit over again.

A Bit of Laughter...

Actual newspaper headlines:

- Police begin campaign to run down jaywalkers.
- Safety experts say school bus passengers should be belted
- Drunk gets nine months in violin case
- Iraqi head seeks arms
- British left waffles on Falkland Islands
- Squad helps dog bite victim

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- **Fall fabrics.** In addition to those cozy throws on your chairs, you can also use some fall-inspired fabrics to create seasonal placemats, tablecloths and other items that can be used when you entertain outdoors.
- **Candles.** Keep your backyard party going well into the evening hours by creating your own custom candle holders out of pumpkins and gourds. In addition, a chimenea or fire pit is a great way to add some warmth to your favorite gathering spot and create a wonderful focal point for your outdoor décor.
- **Lights.** Those inexpensive string lights come in a variety of themes so pick up a few sets to go with your new fall décor and light up your yard for weekend gatherings and outdoor parties.

Do You Want To Win A Mystery Prize?

Take our trivia challenge and you could win!

Each month we will give you a new trivia question. The first 3 people to call our office with the correct answer will win a mystery prize. Take your best guess, then call us at 405-680-0077 or email alally@agrilawn.com.

Q: What president signed a bill designating the first Monday in September as Labor Day?

Congratulations to last month's winners!

Mark R. of OKC, Scott S. of OKC & Patrick M. of OKC won a Get-a-Way for 2.

Elvis Presley's national debut was on the Stage Show in 1956 even though he was on several television shows before that.

AgriLawn's Late Season Lawn Sustainer

AgriLawn is applying a stress fertilizer to Bermuda grass and other warm season lawns. This high nitrogen fertilizer also contains potassium for healthy root growth to help lawns recover from the stress of a hot summer. Fescue lawns received a low nitrogen, organic fertilizer to prevent any possible fertilizer injury to cool season turf grass. Fescue may go dormant during the heat of the summer. It will green up again with the arrival of cooler fall weather. Temporary discoloration (10-14 days) may occur in areas that weeds were treated. Any discoloration will green up after watering and mowing a couple of times.

White grubs are a part of nature and can be found in virtually every lawn, however, some lawns can become so heavily infested with grubs that turf damage occurs. We watch for signs of grub activity during late summer and early fall and will make recommendations for control as needed.

Turf diseases may appear on lawns during the summer months especially during stressful growth conditions. We watch for active diseases and again will make recommendations for treatment as needed.

Thanks For The Kind Words

"We've been pleased with your service all these years. Our lawn receives compliments all the time!" ~ Katherine L.

Auto Insurance: Buy Smart

Making the right insurance choices can save big dollars on premiums:

Collision insurance: When a vehicle is financed, the lender requires collision insurance. It pays for damage to your vehicle in an auto accident when you are at fault. In a total loss, it pays the fair market value of your car or truck.

Comprehensive insurance: It's similar to collision but also covers damage to your vehicle by an unknown party or "act of God." Vandalism, flood, hurricane, theft and fire are usually covered, but check the policy for the details.

Liability insurance: If you are at fault in an accident, you could be held liable for medical and repair costs for everyone involved. Liability coverage won't pay for your vehicle, but it can shield you from cost of damage to others. Some owners of older vehicles choose liability coverage only. Adding comprehensive insurance for a vehicle valued at \$3,000 more or less costs little, and could be very helpful if you have to replace the car.

Bodily injury insurance: If people are injured in an accident that is your fault, this insurance will pay for medical expenses, loss of income, funeral expenses, legal defense fees and more. Consider purchasing the highest limit you can afford.

Property damage liability insurance: It pays for structural damage to homes, storefronts, stationary objects, vehicle repair or replacement costs when the accident was your fault. It can protect assets in the event of a lawsuit resulting from a covered accident. Consider buying the highest limit you can afford.

Insurance agents usually present a comprehensive or collision policy with the addition of bodily injury, liability, and other features insurance listed separately on the bill. The coverages may be limited, but you can raise them. To save on insurance costs, increase the deductible amount. There is a 20 percent savings when the deductible is raised from \$200 to \$500 and greater savings if it is raised to \$1,000.

Congratulations To Our Client Of The Month!

Every month, we choose a very special Client of the Month. It's our way of acknowledging good friends and saying "thanks" to those who support AgriLawn with referrals, word of mouth and repeat business. Watch for your name here in an upcoming month - you might be the next Client of the Month!

This month's Client of the Month is

Richard W. of Oklahoma City, OK

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Thanks to YOU our business is growing! There's no better compliment we can receive than a positive referral from a valued client. We are truly grateful for the trust and confidence that so many of you have expressed.

If you know a friend, neighbor, or family member who may be considering the services we offer - it would be the highest compliment to refer them to us. We'll make sure they get extra special attention and care. Or, if there are any additional services that we may provide for you, please let us know. Instead of growing our business from the outside, we prefer to pay closer attention to our existing clients and their referrals.

Off To College? Have A Beer.

The perfect gift for you favorite college student, SourcingMap.com has a Budweiser beer bottle phone for just \$12 bucks.

Landscaping Question Corner...

Q. I'm done with the garden this year. What can I do now to get it ready for next spring?

A. Gardening isn't over just because the cooler air sets in. In fact, there's a number of things you can do to prepare your lawn and garden for the next planting season.

To start, you'll want to pull up any left-over annuals that have died off as well as weeds and any remnants of vegetables or other plantings.

Now is also a good time to turn over the soil with and mix in some compost and fertilizer. Don't mulch just yet - it could draw mice and rats. Instead, save that for winter.

Perennials can be divided during this time as well and stored away for next season. You'll also want to cover any perennials you're leaving in the ground - start by cutting them back to just a few inches above ground and the have some protective covers ready for when the weather gets frosty.

Also remember that edibles such as broccoli, cabbage, spinach and garlic love cooler weather so you can still do a little planting before winter really sets in.

Do You Have A Question You Want Answered?

We love hearing from all our good friends and clients who enjoy reading our monthly letter. And we're always looking to answer pressing questions you might have about anything relating to landscaping. If you have a question, please give us a call at 405-680-0077. Perhaps we'll feature you in a future issue!



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Famous Birthdays in September

Does your birthday fall in September? Did you know you share it with some pretty famous people? Here's a few names you might know with September birthdays:

- Lily Tomlin, 1939
- Beyonce Knowles, 1981
- David Arquette, 1971
- Harry Connick, Jr., 1967
- Jennifer Hudson, 1981
- Rita Rudner, 1956
- James Gandolfini, 1961
- Nicole Richey, 1981
- Michael Madsen, 1959
- Gwyneth Paltrow, 1973
- Johnny Mathis, 1935
- Ed Begley, Jr., 1949

Happy Birthday!

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Soil Testing

A beautiful, healthy lawn can only be achieved when the soil is in proper condition.

One of the most often overlooked factors influencing plant growth is the chemical property of the soil referred to as soil pH.

We take samples from several different areas of your lawn and combine them to arrive at a general measure of soil pH and available nutrients. We will provide you with these exact finding along with recommendations of soil amendments if any are needed.

Call us at 680-0077 and schedule your test today!