

## FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER 2010

Hello everyone! Can you believe that it is almost February? 2010 has definitely started off with a bang. The weather this year has been up and down like a yo-yo. AA Tex Lawn sends you warm wishes during these cold days. Please enjoy the winter version of our newsletter.

### The Frozen Tundra



The significantly colder than average temperatures in the past month have made an impact on our site visits. When the ground freezes in the frigid weather, it is best to stay off the grass. Therefore, our crews are coming out later in the morning after the temperatures have warmed up to just above freezing. Luckily, here in the South we don't have many hard freezes. However this year we have already had several.

As always, keep in mind that AA Tex Lawn has the equipment to help with the clean-up you may have after storms. We have snow plow trucks as well as chippers and dump trucks to handle any debris removal you may have. Call the office or visit our website for more information.

### What We've Been Doing

Since your grass does not need much maintenance during the winter, typically we spend our visits picking up debris, blowing leaves, clearing storm drains, and enhancing the look of your property. We've had other projects in the works also, such as pruning ornamental grasses, pruning ornamental trees, and installing pine needles.

Now is the best time to install pine needles as the bales are large. As spring continues, the size seems to drop as they stock the garden centers and other retail outlets.

Tree elevation (trimming the lower limbs) on the larger trees is such a benefit to the landscape. This service can bring an overall improvement to the appearance. An elevated tree also blocks less light at night, which is important from a safety standpoint as well as aesthetically. (Landscape lighting shining on an elevated tree can be beautiful.) There are other factors for elevating trees. Call us for more information or for a free quote.

### Coming Up in the Next Couple of Months

- First application of pre-emergent
- Fertilize cool season grasses
- Deep root injections of pesticides/fertilizer
- Grub control
- Ornamental tree pruning

### WHOA!

Just a reminder. In March, many of our thoughts turn to spring. We begin to plan for warmer days. But don't jump the gun when planting annuals. Our average frost date for the Charlotte area is April 2<sup>nd</sup>. You should wait several weeks after the last frost before planting annuals. Allow time for the soil to warm up so that there is less shock to the plants. There is nothing worse than having to pull out frostbitten plants and start all over again!

### News and Events...

**The Southern Spring Show** will be March 3<sup>rd</sup> through March 7<sup>th</sup> at The Park. AA Tex Lawn will be creating a garden for the show. Last year we were recognized with the 1<sup>st</sup> place award for Best Hardscape. Come out and see us.

Mark was featured in **the State of the Industry Report** in the October 2009 issue of Lawn and Landscape Magazine. It is posted on our website if you are interested in reading it. Look under the AA Tex Lawn in the News link on the left side of the page. There will be another article featuring Mark in the June issue of Turf Magazine. Stay tuned for that! We've made changes to our **website**. If you have the time, check it out at [www.aatexlawn.com](http://www.aatexlawn.com).

Two more of our employees have taken the necessary classes to become **Certified Interlocking Concrete Paver Installers**.



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