



SPRING NEWSLETTER 2009

Hello everyone! Spring has definitely arrived! (I hope.) It's always hard to tell with the constantly evolving weather in the South. I think this season has been more extreme than usual. All the rain has been great for our landscapes, but makes it difficult for the landscapers to keep up. We've been busy, as I'm sure you have too. I hope you take a minute to read and enjoy the AA Tex Lawn Newsletter.



Death to Tyrants! (And Weeds and Bugs!)

The best way to get rid of weeds is to get them before they start. We have put down a pre-emergent herbicide to prevent crabgrass from establishing in the lawn. Heavy rains may weaken the barrier provided by the pre-emergent. Therefore, timing is key. For most properties, we have already treated broadleaf weeds that are coming up by doing a post emergent spray.

Systemic insecticide applications are also being applied to protect crape myrtles, roses and some azaleas from Japanese beetles and other pests from feasting on your flowering shrubs. Check your contract to see if shrub care is included.

Irrigation and the Drought

We've been busy checking and starting up the irrigation systems for those neighborhoods that include irrigation maintenance in their contract. We've had a tremendous amount of rain, recently, but those dry summer months are looming. Newly planted trees and shrubs will need to be watered regularly as the rainfall decreases. If you have questions about watering (or having us water), please call the office.

Where do we stand as far as the drought is concerned? Mecklenburg County has finally lifted the mandatory water restrictions that have been in place since August 28, 2007. For neighboring counties, check the links on our website at www.aatexlawn.com.

Feed your Trees!

Now is the time to make sure your trees and shrubs have the nutrients they need for a good growing season. We can use a deep root feeding process to fertilize

and stimulate root and foliage growth. Contact our office and we will be happy to take care of this service for you.

Pruning Time...



Spring flowering shrubs and trees can be cut back after they bloom. This includes forsythia, azaleas and the like.

Get Ready (or what's coming up)....

In the next couple of months, we will be:

- Mowing regularly
- Adding color by planting annuals
- Freshening pine needles as needed
- Maintaining your ponds
- Fertilizing perennials

As always, check your contract to see if this is included in the agreement for your neighborhood or contact your HOA to ask about adding the service.

Giving Back to our Community



AA Tex Lawn has joined the GreenCare for Troops service initiative. It matches willing landscapers with military families whose breadwinner is serving overseas. Our military families make such a sacrifice for us. AA Tex Lawn is sponsoring a family in Charlotte by taking care of their lawn care needs for free to make life a little easier for the family while the husband is in Kuwait.

In accordance with that, we participated in the **PLANET Day of Service**. We provided our GreenCare family with a landscape overhaul (sodded the front yard, planted trees, freshened up the beds).

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle



AA Tex Lawn recently hired Cadieu Tree to grind all of our landscaping waste materials. Instead of hauling all this extra material to the landfill, we had it ground into mulch. Now we can re-use instead of filling our landfills. One more way we are trying to keep the Earth “green”.

Want More Information?

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