



SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2009

Hello everyone! I hope everyone is staying cool this summer. In my neighborhood, summer is always the time when I re-connect with my neighbors. Everyone is out walking or spending time in the yard. So it's a good time to make sure our neighborhoods are looking their best. On that note, please enjoy the AA Tex Lawn newsletter.



Hot summer nights...

I'm sure we're all familiar with how hot the summers are here in the South. Since the rain has slowed down, mulch is extremely important. The correct amount of mulch will help to retain some of the moisture that the soil needs during the growing season, as well as keep the top of the soil loose to absorb the essential elements: air, water, and nutrients. An optimal mulch depth of 2 to 4 inches will also provide a barrier against weed growth.

If your neighborhood has an irrigation system, it should be running now. If your contract with us includes irrigation maintenance, we will be checking your system periodically throughout the summer. If you notice a problem in the mean time, please call our office so that we can address it. Please remember that we schedule the systems to run in the early morning when the water usage is less and we are not competing with the heat and wind.

Turf Maintenance



Crabgrass

Cool season grasses (like Fescue) go dormant during the hottest part of the summer. This is a defense mechanism and is to be expected of the cool season turf in our area. This is why we spot-mow during the summer. Mowing too much over the dormant turf can further stress it and cause problems during its optimal growing season of September to May.

For our warm season (Bermuda grass) turf clients, we are in the process of aerating to relieve compaction so that water, nutrients, and air can get to the root zone.

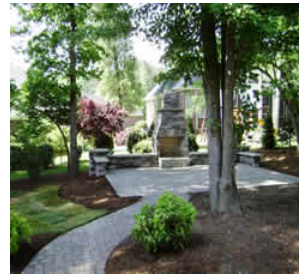
We are also spot-treating those "bad" grasses like crabgrass. For most of our clients, we put down a pre-

emergent in the spring. The turf spray that we are doing now will get rid of any stragglers.

Pruning Time...

It always surprises me how fast shrubs and hedges can grow with the right conditions. We had a rainy spring season, which has given the shrubs in our area more growth than we've seen in several years. We are in the process of pruning seasonal shrubs and hedges so that they don't take over their landscapes. As always, check your contract to see if this is included or contact your HOA to ask about adding the service.

Summer Projects



Summer is a great time to add a patio or hardscape to your yard. The soil is dry which is optimal for construction of these items. AA Tex Lawn has a wide variety of services we can offer. We are currently running specials on patio installation. Call our office or see our website at: <http://www.aatexlawn.com> for more info.

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