

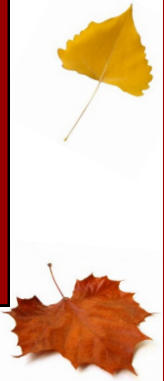
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COMPLETE LAWN MAINTENANCE AND LANDSCAPE CONSTRUCTION



Fall Cleanups

As fall settles in this year, we may not notice that winter is sneaking up on us. Here in central Kansas, this autumn season has been very mild and dry with under an inch of rain in the last 40 days and no rain in the current ten day forecast. This time is critical for any new grass, shrubs, or trees that have been planted this fall. Adequate watering for at least four to six weeks after installation will allow the new plantings to send out new roots and help them survive the cold winter months.

To prepare your lawn and landscape beds for the winter, be sure to remove any remaining weeds now so they don't drop their seeds and germinate again in the spring. Now is also a good time, before the ground is frozen, to remove any summer plantings from beds and potted arrangements. Also be sure to remove any dead from shrubs and plantings that will win-

ter over so they can focus on sending out new growth in the spring.

Another important part of fall clean up is mulching. A thick layer of mulch in your landscape beds after you have removed all weeds will protect delicate root systems and provide a blanket for shrubs and other plantings. Remember, plants need moisture in the winter, too, and that deep layer of mulch will help your plantings retain moisture during the winter months.

Currently, Superior is out completing our last application of our five-step fertilization program: The winter fertilization. This last application helps your lawn develop stronger roots during the winter so your lawn will come back greener and sooner in the spring.

Don't forget to call us and schedule your irrigation winterization.

We will be out winterizing systems through November, so if there happens to be a freeze before we are able to shut down your system, go ahead and cover your backflow with a blanket and then wrap it in a plastic bag—this helps prevent the backflow from freezing and cracking. If you are on a well, you are generally safe until temperatures dip below 25 degrees Fahrenheit.

Proper landscape maintenance during the late fall can really make a difference in the health of your lawn, trees, and other plantings in the following year. Cutting back old growth, fertilizing, and mulching landscape beds can help your landscape get a head start on the next year.



Fall Cleanup Checklist:

- Winterize Irrigation System
- Schedule Fall Leaf Cleanup
- Sign Up for Winter Fertilization
- Remove Summer Annuals
- Plant Bulbs Before Ground Freezes
- Plant Hardy Pansies
- Add a Thick Layer of Mulch to Existing Landscape Beds
- Enjoy the Cool Weather!

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