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Autumn in the Air

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While the beginning of September is usually on the warm side in Kansas, it is now time to start thinking about your fall garden and begin preparing your lawn and landscape for the coming winter. While many believe that spring and summer are the best times for planting because of the warming temperatures and copious amounts of rainfall, autumn is, in fact, the best season to plant many trees and shrubs. The more stable temperatures and moderate rainfall promote root growth essential to a young plant's establishment.

Before the ground freezes, it is also important to get spring bulbs in the ground. Often the first plant to appear in the spring (and even in the last snows of the winter), bulbs let your landscape boast a tre-

mendous amount of color even before the robins arrive! Some of the most popular "bulb" flowers are tulips, crocuses, and irises.

Bulbs are their own storehouse of food and fertilizer,



making them extremely easy to manage. They only need to be planted in a sunny spot with good drainage and watered in thoroughly before the first frost. And, by planting them within a landscape bed that will later

house spring and summer annuals, their colors will be fading just as it is time to install spring and summer annuals, keeping your landscape more colorful for longer.

Interested in bulbs or an autumn installation? Give us a call today to schedule your fall planting so that when next spring arrives, your landscape has color and your new plants are stronger, healthier, and ready to withstand the harsh Kansas weather!



Crabgrass

With the heat and humidity of late summer, everyone's favorite weed has made a strong reappearance. Autumn's frosts will kill crabgrass, though many prefer to remove its unsightly presence from their lawn long before nature can take care of it for us.

Our fall fertilization, which is being applied now, contains a weed killer that will eliminate existing weeds (including crabgrass), though it will not stop weeds that have not germinated yet. Early prevention is the best bet to avoid persistent

weeds like crabgrass, but repeated treatments or waiting for a frost are the best options this late in the season.

Still have questions? Our knowledgeable staff are on hand to answer all your lawn and landscape questions!

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