



Landscape Calendar

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LANDSCAPING CALENDAR

MARCH:

- Clean winter debris, leaves, and twigs from your lawn and planting beds
- Remove tree wrap and other winter protection
- Cut back grasses (10"-12" high) and perennials (approx. 2"-3" high) before new growth emerges.
- Fertilize trees and shrubs before they leaf out using Miracle-Gro or Miracid
- Apply Bayer Tree and Shrub Insect Control and Bayer Disease Control to flowering crabs, fruit trees, and evergreens to prevent damage from insects and disease (**temperatures should be no lower than 40 degrees when applied**).
- Order your *Andersons 4 Step Fertilizer Program*.
- Apply a weed preventer such as Preen to landscape beds to prevent the germination of weeds and grass.
- Apply a fresh layer of mulch (2-3") to your landscape beds.
- Examine trees & shrubs early in the month before leaves emerge, for signs of diseased or damaged wood.
- Prune to remove any crossing or rubbing branches (Do NOT trim magnolia, forsythia, lilac and other spring bloomers until after flowering in the spring).

APRIL:

- Get you lawn off to a good start with core aeration.
- Mow your lawn for the first time at 2.5" mower blade height.
- Apply **Andersons Step 1 Lawn Fertilizer with crabgrass preventer** to your lawn, and water thoroughly.
- Apply a weed preventer such as Preen Garden Weed Preventer to landscape beds to prevent germination of weeds and grass.
- Inspect flowering crabs for tent caterpillar webs and bag worms, apply Malathion as needed.
- To control apple scab on crabapples apply a fungicide just as leaves begin to emerge, repeat every two weeks or as needed.
- Fertilize trees, shrubs, and evergreens with Miracid or Miracle-Gro; apply near the end of the month.
- Remove winter wood from Rose bushes and fertilize to stimulate new growth.
- Water evergreens thoroughly following a dry winter.

MAY:

- Fertilize trees, shrubs, and evergreens with Miracid or Miracle-Gro a water soluble fertilizer
- Apply **Andersons Step 2 with Merit Insect control** to your lawn, water thoroughly.

- Plant annuals (the Chicagoland area is considered “frost free” after May 15th) after the frost free date. Visit Jim Melka Garden Center for all your annual & perennial needs.

JUNE:

- Apply **Andersons Prophecy Fungicide** to prevent Dollar Spot and Brown Patch lawn diseases.
- Apply second application of Miracid or Miracle-Gro to your trees, shrubs, and evergreens.
- Apply a weed preventer such as Preen to landscape beds to prevent germination of weeds and grass
- Apply **Andersons Grub Out** to prevent grub damage to your lawn.

JULY:

- Water your lawn and all other plants thoroughly.
- Install a watering bag around all your large trees, especially River Birch.

AUGUST:

- Continue spot treatments of Ortho Weed-B-Gon for dandelion and broadleaf weed control
- Apply **Andersons Step 3 Fertilizer** to your lawn to improve color after a hot summer.
- Apply **Andersons Duocide** to prevent further insect damage (i.e. Chinch Bug & Sod Webworm)
- Water your lawn thoroughly.
- A 2nd application of **Andersons Prophecy** may be needed if a wet spring occurred followed by a humid summer to stop fungal growth in your lawn.

SEPTEMBER:

- Overseed/reseed bad spots in your lawn; September (around Labor Day) is the best time to sod/seed.
- Prune and shape trees, shrubs, and evergreens for any noticeable overgrowth.
- Spot treat your lawn with Ortho Weed-B-Gon to control lingering weeds.
- Feed shrubs and evergreens for the last time with Miracle-Gro.
- Plant mums, ornamental kale and fall pansies for a colorful late-season addition to your landscape.
- Order and plant trees & shrubs for fall plantings

OCTOBER:

- Reduce problems from overwintering insects and diseases by removing leaves and debris from planting beds.
- Winterize your lawn near the end of the month using **Andersons Step 4 Fertilizer**, water thoroughly. This will protect & strengthen your lawn throughout the winter months.
- Plant bulbs when the soil temperature cools to 60 degrees. Be sure to provide adequate drainage by adding peat moss and/or potting soil. Treat bulbs with bulb dust to inhibit fungus growth, and use bone meal or bulb food at planting time to encourage root development.

NOVEMBER:

- Cut your lawn for the last time.
- Continue with fall clean up, cut back perennials (approx. 2-3") to help keep yard clean, neat & safe through the winter.
- Continue leaf & debris pick up from landscaping and lawn.
- Apply animal repellent to minimize winter damage from rabbits, deer and other rodents; cage plants that are more susceptible to animal damage than others.
- Give one last deep watering to your trees, shrubs, and evergreens before the ground freezes.
- Winterize your mower and sharpen the blade so that you will be ready for next season.
- Apply an additional 1-2 inches of hardwood mulch around your plants to help insulate them throughout the winter months.

****DO NOT FORGET TO PROTECT YOUR EVERGREENS FROM DRYING OUT DURING THE WINTER. WATER ALL EVERGREENS ONCE A WEEK WITH A BUCKET OF WATER IF THERE IS NO NOTICEABLE SNOW OR RAIN THROUGHOUT THE SEASON.****

****PILE SNOW AROUND THE BASE OF EVERGREENS DURING LARGE EVENTS****

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