



THE GREEN ACRES GAZETTE

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Notes From Craig

Many times I have been asked, "It's almost winter, why is it so important to water my trees & shrubs now?"

Well, just think of the winter months as a marathon. You wouldn't start to hydrate after crossing the finish line.

In late autumn, after the deciduous trees have dropped their leaves, and before the ground freezes, give both evergreen and deciduous trees (and shrubs) a deep watering. Following this regimen for watering trees is very important. Evergreen trees specifically need to store moisture to get through the winter when the ground is frozen, just as a runner needs to increase fluid intake prior to a long race.

Get out there and water!



Team News

Michael Hehir, our Maintenance Division Manager, is attending CT Nursery & Landscape Associations Accreditation & Certification Program. This 13 week course teaches the basics of botany, plant identification, soils & nutrition & landscape design. Michael's goal is to become a Certified Landscape Professional (CLP). Good luck Michael!

DID YOU MAKE THE FINAL CUT?

As long as your lawn keeps growing, it should be mowed! Once it's apparent that top growth has come to a halt, you'll be ready for the final cut of the year. While the rule of thumb is to remove no more than 1/3 of the grass blade through most of the growing season, your lawn should be mowed shorter for the final cut. A final mowing height of 1 1/2" to 2 1/2" is recommended since you don't want grass blades left long during the winter. Long blades can lie over, increasing humidity underneath snow cover. This can encourage fungus diseases, such as snow mold, to develop.

I perhaps owe having become a painter to flowers. ~Claude Monet

*** Most Wanted ***

Flower Power

Asters dominate autumn meadows & roadsides from coast to coast. Their flowers consist of overlapping rows of thin petal like rays, surrounding a round yellow disk. Plants vary in size from one foot to eight feet tall. The flowers come in a rainbow of colors including purple, lavender, rose, pink, red & white.

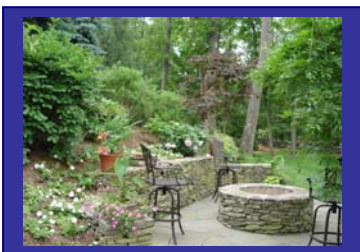


Outrageous Outdoors

The fall chill has arrived. There's something calming and almost mesmerizing about a crackling fire, especially on a cool fall or winter evening. Fire pits make a great gathering place to enjoy cocktails with friends or toast marshmallows with the kids.

Picture your fire pit as a focal point for a vine covered pergola, built into an existing deck or wall or even tucked away in a secret garden. Build it with natural stone or brick. It can be wood burning for "old schoolers" or flip a switch for the convenience of gas.

Spend more time outside this fall & winter relaxing fireside. When it gets cold, it's the best way to stay warm! Call now so we can begin designing your fire pit today!



Ask Craig...

Q: Why should I deep root feed my trees & shrubs?

A: Deep root feeding of your plants is probably the most beneficial service you can have done. It improves the health & vigor of your plants, making them more resistant to environmental stress, insect & disease. In the fall, a plant's energy shifts down to the root system where root elongation & food storage take place. As a result, the material is more efficiently absorbed & has the maximum benefit for the plants

Team Training

The Green Acres team gathered for three "tailgate" training & safety meetings, covering such topics such as: First Aid, Loader & Backhoe Safety and Materials Transporting. These sessions support our efforts to provide a safe & efficient work environment for our crews and clients.

Community Update

Green Acres is currently participating in Green Care For Troops, a Project Evergreen effort providing free lawn & landscape care to U.S. military families at home while their loved ones serve in the Middle East.

Currently, we are assisting a Southbury family with their maintenance needs. We are honored and thrilled to help these dedicated families. To find out more about "Green Care For Troops", log onto: www.projectevergreen.com.