

Seasonal Clean Ups

Looking Good

Spring and fall clean ups are necessary to remove leaves, sticks and debris from the landscape. Timely and thorough clean ups provide the equivalent of good hygiene for the landscape by minimizing the accumulation of pests, be it rodents, insects or diseases.

Urban care

In nature, leaves fall and plants die, decomposing into rich organic matter that returns nutrients to the surrounding habitat. This process takes time and requires certain environmental conditions to be successful. Our urban landscapes generally do not support this natural process, and so it is not an effective method of managing our lawns and gardens. Therefore, seasonal clean ups are an essential part of any good landscape management program.



Changing seasons

Thorough clean ups are necessary in both spring and fall. In spring, debris left over from the previous fall and winter is cleared away. Beds are raked and turned for spring planting. Beds may be top-dressed with soil amendments. This is also a good time to assess the quality of the turf to see what may be needed to improve and maintain it for the upcoming growing season. In fall, leaf litter and debris is cleaned out of beds and off the turf. Beds can be top-dressed with leaf humus or compost so they are ready for planting the following spring. Turf renovations are made during the fall to repair thin or bare areas of the lawn. Some clean up may be needed during the growing season for good sanitation in the landscape.

Composting

While nature provides the necessary fertility in the native ecosystem, the urban landscape cycle is often too fast and too small to adequately support a completely natural approach to recycling. It is necessary to take the landscape debris from seasonal clean ups and either put it into compost piles or haul it off site where it will be processed, aged and made ready to be returned to the landscape. Once the decomposition and aging process is complete, you can bring the rich nutrients back to your landscape in the form of leaf humus or compost to give your beds the organic material they need.

Lawn Lad includes seasonal clean ups as a part of its regular landscape management program. We will also offer spring and fall clean ups individually for those needing some extra assistance.



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