

Timely Turf Tips

November 2013

November is a month that lawns and gardens slow down and prepare for winter and homeowners should be thinking about the end-of-season chores to get ready for winter also. Next year's lawn and garden will benefit from a little planning and effort now. Look back at what did or did not do well in your yard/garden while the growing season is still fresh in your mind and make notes concerning changes that would improve your results. Are there areas in your yard that need to be reseeded? Remember, last month we wrote about dormant seeding starting in mid-October. Make note of areas that have crabgrass now because those areas will benefit from a preventive herbicide in the spring. If you have questions, please contact Steve at the mill for advice. Check out the list below and see if your outdoor areas still need a little TLC before going to bed.

Prevent damage from rabbits, voles and mice

Rabbits and voles can cause severe damage to your landscape over winter, so consider preventing that damage from occurring by making barriers around your trees and shrubs. Remember mice can be a problem too. See coupon below and check out these links at the U of M Extension website for helpful information:

<http://www1.extension.umn.edu/garden/yard-garden/wildlife/rabbits-and-trees-and-shrubs/> and <http://www1.extension.umn.edu/garden/yard-garden/wildlife/trees-protecting-from-rodent-damage/>



November Chores

- Keep watering trees and shrubs until the ground freezes, especially evergreens which continue to lose moisture all winter through transpiration.
- Continue to rake leaves off the lawn and mow one last time to a height of 2" to avoid disease next spring.
- Remove any remaining plant material from your garden to thwart harmful insects and lessen disease. Dispose of any diseased foliage in the trash, not in the compost pile. Use a wire brush to remove soil from your garden tools and sanitize them with a solution of 1 part bleach to 9 parts water. Consider tilling in leaves as a method to add helpful organic matter.
- To prevent breakage from freezing, empty and store ceramic and clay pots. Use old potting soil as a top dressing for your perennials. Wash pots with the sanitizing solution mentioned earlier.
- Remember to drain any rain barrels.
- Disconnect, drain and store hoses after the last watering.
- Provide mulch to insulate marginal perennials after the ground freezes. The mulch is meant to keep the ground frozen, minimizing thawing/freezing occurrences and severe cold temperatures that can damage plants.

Previous issues of Timely Turf Tips newsletters are available at our website: www.hugofeedmill.com

\$1.00 Off
Marsh Hay

(Limit 3 bales)

1 coupon per customer. Expires 11/30/13

Hugo Feed Mill & Hardware

5582 146th St. N. Hugo, MN 55038 651-429-3361

10% Off

All In-stock Mouse Traps and Baits

(\$5 maximum value)

1 coupon per customer. Expires 11/30/13

Hugo Feed Mill & Hardware

5582 146th St. N. Hugo, MN 55038 651-429-3361