

Cooler Fall Days . . .



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A MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

I HOPE THIS NOTE FINDS YOU WELL AND ENJOYING THE COOLER TEMPERATURES. THE SUMMER SEASON DID AFFORD US WITH MORE RAIN THAN NORMAL, BUT IT SURELY WASN'T GOING TO LEAVE US WITHOUT SOMETHING 'NORMAL' LIKE DRY WEATHER. THE TEAM IS HAPPILY MOVING FORWARD FOR A GREAT FALL!



NOW THAT THE KIDS ARE BACK IN SCHOOL, I'M BACK TO CLASSES AT YORK COLLEGE, AND EVERYONE SEEMS TO SETTLE INTO ROUTINES, THE TIME SEEMS TO GO BY EVEN QUICKER THAN IT USE TO FOR ME. BRIAN AND I DIDN'T GO INTO BUSINESS BELIEVING IT WOULD BE EASY, BUT WE KNEW IT WOULD BE REWARDING.

IN OCTOBER, BRIAN AND A FEW OF THE TEAM WILL BE MAKING THE TRIP TO THE GREEN INDUSTRY EXPO IN LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY. THIS IS ALWAYS A GOOD REMINDER, THAT EVEN THOUGH THE PROJECTS WILL SLOW DOWN AS THE COLD WEATHER SETS IN, WE HERE IN THE OFFICE DON'T GET A BREAK. THROUGHOUT THE WINTER, TEAM MEMBERS ATTEND CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES, OBTAIN NEW LICENSES AND/OR CERTIFICATIONS, AND WE ALL CONTINUE TO GROW OUR KNOWLEDGE IN DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF THE INDUSTRY. THE MORE THOROUGH OUR EDUCATION, THE MORE IMPROVED OUR KNOWLEDGE, THE HIGHER IN QUALITY OUR SERVICE IS TO YOU.

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.ALMONYS.COM IN THE COMING WEEKS, AS WE WORK TO UPDATE OUR PHOTO GALLERY. YOU MAY ALSO KEEP UP WITH US ON FACEBOOK — SIMPLY SEARCH FOR ALMONY'S PROPERTY SOLUTIONS AND KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR OUR 'PROJECTS OF THE WEEK' - WHO KNOWS, YOU MAY BE FEATURED SOON!

THANK YOU AGAIN,
CARRIE ALMONY, VP/OFFICE MANAGER

Fall is the perfect time to plant!

If you think spring is the only time to do major work in your yard, you just may be surprised. Fall is actually the perfect time to work on landscaping. It is really an ideal time for planting, it's definitely an optimal time because after you get a few frosts, the plants go dormant and are less active. However, we still have soils that are warm enough throughout the winter that we get root growth. So by planting in the fall, you are planting in the cooler time of the year, and you get root growth that will be ready to take up water during our hot spring temperatures. When leaves unfurl and expand, the increased roots are better able to access the reservoir of water, and the stress of transplanting is drastically reduced.



Create your beautiful Spring garden now . . . Planting the seed for a beautiful spring garden begins in the fall. Some of the most beautiful plants and flowers to emerge under the warmth of the sun include Lilies, Hostas, Peonies, Irises, Ferns and Ornamental Grasses. If you dream of coloring your yard next spring, fall is the time to get started.

Fall temperatures are also more pleasant for the gardener. However, it is highly recommended that you do not continue planting trees too late into the fall because this can have a negative impact on plant health.

Don't forget . . . Almony's can do a professional landscape design tailored to make your property stand out from the neighbors!



ALMONY'S IS TAKING MULCH ORDERS AND DELIVERING. MULCHING IS ONE OF THE BEST THINGS YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR GARDEN. THIS IS THE ACT OF PLACING A PROTECTIVE BARRIER (MULCH) AROUND YOUR PLANTS AND OVER YOUR BARE SOIL. THE ADVANTAGES OF MULCHING ARE VAST, BUT WE WILL JUST TALK ABOUT 7 OF THE BIGGEST ADVANTAGES. MULCH CONTROLS WEEDS, RETAINS MOISTURE, PREVENTS SOIL EROSION, MAINTAINS SOIL NUTRIENTS, CONTROLS PESTS, ENCOURAGES EARTHWORMS AND POLISHES UP YOUR GARDEN. WHEN ADDING MULCH TO YOUR GARDEN BEDS, AVOID PILING MULCH UP AGAINST THE TRUNK OR STEMS OF PLANTS. THIS CAN LEAD TO INSECT AND DISEASE ISSUES. USING TOO DEEP A LAYER OF MULCH CAN ALSO BE A PROBLEM - GENERALLY, 2-3 INCHES OF MULCH IS RECOMMENDED FOR MOST PLANTS.



" Fall is in the air"

Hardscape Ideas

Hardscapes can be formal or informal, depending on the style of your home and surrounding landscape. With hardscaping, textural variety is important and should be considered carefully. On the one hand, using only one texture or material can make the area appear dull and lifeless. Yet, using too many textures can make the surrounding area appear unattractive and cluttered.

So what do you do? Find balance. It's generally better to choose no more than two or three textures or hardscape materials. These should be both visually appealing and compliment your home's exterior. This also includes color. When



designing with hardscape elements, also consider your drainage patterns.

When planned out carefully, hardscape gardening features can and should improve the overall appearance of the home

landscape, not take away from it. In addition to patios, decks, driveways, outside structures and the like, there are many types of hardscaping features to choose from. Walkways and paths are common elements within the landscape, which are often times designed using hardscape materials such as bricks, pavers, woodchips, flagstones, etc. Retaining walls consisting of rocks, concrete blocks, railroad ties, and similar items are also common hardscape features. You may also find hardscaping features such as wooden or stone steps and various types of edging materials included within the hardscape garden design.

When choosing hardscape features for the home, consider their overall purpose in addition to your current style or theme. Different areas of the landscape may require various hardscape elements based on their purpose. Hardscape gardening isn't difficult. It just requires planning. You want everything in the hardscape to complement the surroundings. Make sure that all of these extras match the style of your home and garden. For

help in bringing you backyard oasis to life, schedule an appointment today. Allow us to bring you dreams to your reality!



THE END OF SUMMER, DOESN'T MEAN THE END OF LAWN CARE.



WITH FALL NEARLY UPON US AND WINTER RAPIDLY APPROACHING, YOU'RE PROBABLY NOT SPENDING MUCH TIME THINKING ABOUT YOUR LAWN. BUT FALL, WITH ITS COOLER TEMPERATURES AND OCCASIONAL RAINFALL, IS THE IDEAL TIME TO PREPARE YOUR LAWN FOR NEXT SPRING. MANY HOMEOWNERS THINK LAWNS NEED LESS CARE IN THE FALL BECAUSE THE GRASS GROWS MORE SLOWLY. IN FACT, JUST THE OPPOSITE IS TRUE. DURING THIS TIME OF YEAR, GRASS IS BUSILY ABSORBING ENERGY, MOISTURE, AND NUTRIENTS IN PREPARATION FOR A LONG, DORMANT WINTER. GIVE IT A LITTLE ATTENTION NOW, AND YOU'LL BE REWARDED WITH A LUSH, HEALTHY SPRING LAWN. JUST FOLLOW THESE FIVE TIPS.

KEEP ON MOWING

CONTINUE TO WATER AND MOW YOUR LAWN, AS NEEDED, THROUGHOUT THE FALL. THEN AS THE SEASON DRAWS TO A CLOSE, DROP THE MOWER'S BLADE TO ITS LOWEST SETTING FOR THE LAST TWO CUTTINGS OF THE YEAR. THAT WILL ALLOW MORE SUNLIGHT TO REACH THE CROWN OF THE GRASS, AND THERE WILL BE LESS LEAF TO TURN BROWN DURING THE WINTER.

AERATE THE SOIL

FALL IS ALSO AN IDEAL TIME TO AERATE YOUR LAWN SO THAT OXYGEN, WATER, AND FERTILIZER CAN EASILY REACH THE GRASS'S ROOTS.

RAKE THE LEAVES

I KNOW RAKING LEAVES IS NO ONE'S IDEA OF FUN, BUT IT'S IMPORTANT TO REMOVE FALLEN LEAVES FROM YOUR LAWN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. DON'T WAIT UNTIL ALL THE LEAVES HAVE FALLEN FROM THE TREES TO START RAKING. IF YOU DO, THE LEAVES WILL BECOME WET FROM RAIN AND MORNING DEW, STICK TOGETHER, AND FORM AN IMPENETRABLE MAT THAT IF LEFT UNMOVED WILL SUFFOCATE THE GRASS AND BREED FUNGAL DISEASES. MINIMALLY, MULCH UP THE LEAVES WEEKLY AND REINTRODUCE THEM INTO THE SOIL.

Fertilize For Future Growth

IF YOU FERTILIZE YOUR LAWN ONLY ONCE A YEAR, DO IT IN THE FALL. A FALL APPLICATION OF FERTILIZER DELIVERS ESSENTIAL NUTRIENTS FOR THE GRASS TO GROW DEEP ROOTS NOW AND TO KEEP NUTRIENTS ON RESERVE FOR A HEALTHY START NEXT SPRING.

WEED CONTROL

IF BROADLEAF WEEDS LIKE WILD VIOLETS OR DANDELIONS HAVE TAKEN OVER YOUR LAWN, NOW'S THE TIME TO FIGHT BACK. WEEDS, LIKE MOST PLANTS, ARE IN THE ENERGY-ABSORBING MODE DURING THE FALL. THEY'RE DRINKING IN EVERYTHING THAT COMES THEIR WAY. APPLY A HERBICIDE NOW AND THE WEEDS ARE LESS LIKELY TO RETURN IN THE SPRING.

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Community News

Almony's has another great year at the New Freedom Fest on September 17th. The festival



was a huge success, as always, and growing every year. The New Freedom Heritage Association, a dedicated

group of volunteers, is continuing to raise funds for the Heritage museum and for the next phase of brick installation. The proposed sidewalk will be handicap accessible from the museum to the gazebo. If you would like more information on buying a brick in memory of a loved one, honoring a special family/person or maybe a brick to celebrate a special day or time in your life, please email me at Carrie@Almonys.com. The team at Almony's is privileged to maintain the Freedom Green Community Park, as one of our Community contributions year after year. We put much love, time, energy and money into this space, so we hope that you enjoy it as much as we do!

We are also excited to share the Center Circle project at the New Freedom Cemetery. Brian and Carrie have been association members for four years now, and the team is



excited to be installing a Scattering Garden, which is a special place to scatter loved ones remains and take time to reflect in their memory. The remains scattered within the space will be identified with a memorial plaque along the patio area. Sitting benches will be added so you may sit and reflect with them, as well as trees and plants to soften the space. Additionally, engraved bricks can be purchased and placed within the patio area for anyone, whether buried within the cemetery or simply as a memorial here in our quaint town of New Freedom. The team at Almony's is blessed to be able to give back to this wonderful community. If you would like further information on the Center Circle project or purchasing an engraved brick, email Carrie@Almonys.com or call the office at 717-235-5981.

What exactly is Hydro-Seeding?

Hydro-seeding is a technique used in landscaping to create a lawn that is distinctive in its dark green appearance. There are specific hydro-seeding supplies that must be utilized. The process begins with a mix of grass seed and fertilizer. A mulch-like material is then added and the entire mixture is delivered under pressure with a hose. Sounds complicated, and it is a detailed process that should not be attempted as a do-it-yourself project.

The key to the effectiveness of hydro-seeding is the mulch that acts as the growth medium for the seed. When the right mulch is applied at appropriate rates, the mulch provides moisture retention for faster germination, insulation from temperature extremes to prevent seed dormancy, and protection from erosion. Unlike hay or straw that is frequently specified on seeding jobs, hydro-seeding mulch contains no weed seed. The hydro-seeding slurry can be adjusted with various additives to create the ideal growth environment for the seed.

The other big advantage versus conventional seeding methods is the labor savings. This is because all of the ingredients that you want to apply to the seed bed are combined into the slurry and applied at the same time. Conventional seeding methods typically require each ingredient to be applied one at a time. The hydro-seeding mulch breaks down and becomes part of the soil. Straw or hay is usually applied over conventional seeding applications and will need to be collected and removed once the lawn is established.

A primary benefit of hydro-seeded lawns is that you can choose whatever seed blend you'd like to use. This means if you have difficult soil, shade, or other tough conditions, you can choose the varieties of lawn that will best suit your landscape.

The cost to have your new lawn hydro-seeded is a fraction of the cost of using sod, and in a few weeks you will have a better appearing lawn with no need to worry if the sod will take.

For more information, email Carrie@Almonys.com or call the office at 717-235-5981.



Thank you!

WE WANT TO SEND A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU FOR BEING A VALUED AND LOYAL CUSTOMER. WE HAVE ALWAYS APPRECIATED AND ENJOYED MAINTAINING YOUR PROPERTY AND ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU FOR REFERRING SO MANY OTHER NEW CUSTOMERS TO US, WHO ARE JUST LIKE YOURSELF. AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, WE SIMPLY COULD NOT DO WHAT WE LOVE TO DO OR CONTINUE TO GROW OVER THE YEARS, IF WE DID NOT HAVE CUSTOMERS LIKE YOU. WE TAKE PRIDE IN OUR WORK, REALIZING THAT THE END RESULT OF A PROJECT IS A REFLECTION OF THE FOREMAN'S AND TECHNICIANS OF THAT PROJECT AND ULTIMATELY OF OURSELVES.

IN ADDITION, WE GUARANTEE A SAFE, PROFESSIONALLY TRAINED AND DEPENDABLE STAFF, AND QUALITY SERVICE ON EVERY PROJECT.



THE TEAM IS ALWAYS KEEPING UP WITH THE LATEST "MUST HAVES" IDEAS FOR YOUR OUTDOOR PROJECTS AND THEY ALWAYS NEED TO STRIVE TO DO THEIR BEST JOB!

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND, WE LOVE REFERRALS, AS WE ARE SO VERY THANKFUL FOR OUR CUSTOMERS WHO HAVE PASSED OUR NAME ALONG TO OTHERS, THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO ALLOW ALMONY'S PROPERTY SOLUTIONS TO SERVICE YOUR PROPERTY.

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