

"Fall" Into Winter



Fall 2017

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A Message from the Vice President

I would like to thank each of you for not only your continued support throughout the year, for allowing our team to continue serving your property needs, but also for the connections and relationships we have built over the past years. Brian and I have completed our 20th year in business, and our team is growing and expanding in our knowledge and services. We are truly thankful to have this team of professionals, with dedication and experience beyond most of our competition.



Our children are growing, and have been continuing to work around the office and shop also. Cameran (11) does filing and really enjoys stuffing our holiday cards. Brody (9) started his own business this year. He is the proud owner of "Brody's Eggs", raising 14 chickens (he started with 18 but some did not make it) and 4 ducks, and is gathering approximately a dozen brown chicken eggs per day. He cleans them weekly and has plenty for sale. If you need any brown eggs, please let Brody know!

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Thank you again,
Carrie Almony, VP/Office Manager

Plant, Plant, Plant!

Fall is the perfect time for planting! Many people are surprised to learn that autumn runs a close second to spring as an ideal planting time, but it's true: cool temperatures, reliable rainfall, and short, bright days help plants make a quick and easy transition to your landscape. Despite the cold weather lurking around the corner, the entire first half of autumn (and then some) provides ample opportunity for plants to grow roots and get off to a good start in their new home. Before you run off to the garden center, though, there are a few things you should know to ensure success with fall planting: You can plant up to 6 weeks before your ground freezes. Once the ground is frozen, root growth



will cease almost entirely until spring, and that six week window gives the plant time to get established enough to withstand cold and snow. The date that your ground actually freezes varies from year to year, of course, and some areas won't have frozen ground at all. If you're unsure, mid-November is a safe planting deadline for nearly everyone. Get everything in the ground before the ground freezes. If you still have plants in their nursery pots, get them in the ground before winter, no matter how late it has gotten. The plants will be much happier and better protected in the ground than in their thin plastic pots, so even if it's getting quite late in the season, just plant them where you can. You can always move them come spring if you change your mind. Provide supplemental water when needed. Autumn weather can be quite cool and rainy, but that doesn't mean that new plantings should be ignored, particularly if weather has been dry and/or windy. Water all plants thoroughly after planting, and continue to water them as needed until the ground freezes.

- THE YEAR IS COMING TO A CLOSE, SO JUST A FEW REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE:
- * SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES ARE PROVIDED TO COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES AS A PRIORITY. THE OFFICE IS OPEN DURING SNOW EVENTS AND IS HAPPY TO ASSIST YOU WITH YOUR NEEDS.
 - * LAWN TREATMENT PROGRAM CONTRACTS FOR 2018 WILL BE MAILED BY JANUARY 15TH. **NOTE:** THE EARLY ORDER DISCOUNT REQUIRES A RETURN DATE OF FEBRUARY 28TH.
 - * LAWN MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS FOR 2018 WILL BE MAILED BY JANUARY 31ST.
 - * LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS FOR 2018 WILL BE MAILED BY FEBRUARY 15TH.
 - * IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING A PROJECT FOR THE UPCOMING SPRING, PLEASE CONTACT US NOW SO WE CAN BEGIN WITH AN ESTIMATE APPOINTMENT AND DISCUSS YOUR OPTIONS!
 - * IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR ARE CONSIDERING ADDITIONAL SERVICES, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 717.235.5981 OR EMAIL OFFICE@ALMONYS.COM.

THE SOUTHERN EDITION

"Leaves are falling, Autumn is calling"

Before and After Transformations . . .



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What does the Almony Crew do during the winter months? Throughout the entire year, the team constantly does maintenance on all of our equipment, tools, and trucks weekly. We always want you as our customer to have safe, reliable and properly maintained equipment on your property. In the winter, the team takes inventory of tools that may have been broken during the year so we can replace them and they tune-up our equipment for snow removal. The team also dedicates the winter months to continuing education. Brian and 4



other team members enjoyed their trip to GIE (Green Industry Expo) in Louisville, KY in October for the fourth year in a row. They learned so much and took several classes for lawn, hardscape and landscape as well as checking out the latest and greatest when it comes to equipment. We think it is very important to always learn about the best ways to maintain your property, grow and learn through continuing education, and stay abreast on the newest technology.

Aeration with Over-Seeding

Why should this be considered for my lawn?

Aeration vastly improves the appearance of any lawn.

What is Aeration?

A small machine is used over the entire area to be aerated, whether the entire lawn for optimal results or a problem area that needs added attention. The benefits of Aeration include removing plugs of soil to allow water, air and nutrients to filter into the roots of the existing grass resulting in healthier, stronger lawns, as well as fewer weeds and pest problems. Loosening soil in the root zone also allows grass roots to penetrate deeper, which can help the turf increase tolerances to drought and heat. In a nut shell, stimulating the growth and hardiness of your lawn will help fill in patchy areas and defend against disease, drought and weed infestation. With this added help, you will increase the aesthetic appeal of your lawn. Healthy, attractive and well-maintained lawns improve curb appeal, for the enjoyment of yourself and others.

Why do I need to Over Seed my lawn?

After several years, mature grass begins to slow down its production rate. Since a blade of grass lives an average of 45 to 60 days, production of new tillers (grass) must continually outpace the dying off of older grass. Young grass will produce tillers faster than older grass. Remember, the production rate of mature grass slows over time. Therefore, a lawn should be Over-Seeded on a regular basis. One of the most important secrets to maintaining a healthy, thick lawn is to make sure your grass is young.

When is the best time to Aerate and Over Seed?

There's several reasons why Fall is the best season to perform this service. Over-Seeding lawns in the Fall gives the grass a head start. The roots have become established before winter, which greatly reduces crop loss should we have a hot, dry Spring. It also reduces or eliminates competition from Summer weedy grasses. Soil temperatures are still warm in the Fall, which is necessary for seed germination, and the cooler air temperatures are better for grass growth. Finally, with rain amounts and soil moisture generally better in the Fall, this all combined makes for the best time of year to Aerate and Over-Seed. Grow a thicker, healthier, happier lawn!

Did you know Almony's does . . .

Lawn Services

- * Mowing
- * Lawn Treatments
 - * Fertilization
 - * Aeration
 - * Over Seeding
 - * Exterior Pest Control
- * Field Mowing
- * Leaf Cleanup and Removal

Landscape

- * Landscape Design
- * Landscape Installation
- * Landscape Maintenance
- * Season Flower Packages
- * Shrubbery and Tree Care
 - * Trimming / Pruning
 - * Insect and Disease Treatments

Hardscape

- * Hardscape Installation
 - * Retaining Walls
 - * Walkways/Sidewalks
 - * Patios
 - * Fire Pits
 - * Outdoor Living Spaces
 - * Ponds

Excavation

- * Site Preparation
- * Septic Installation
- * Shed Pad Installation
- * Grading/Re-Grading
- * Drainage Resolutions
- * New Lawn Installation
- * Driveway Installation
- * Brush Hogging

Other Services

- * Snow Removal
- * Firewood
- * Roll Off Dumpster Rentals
- * Organization Services
- * Snow Removal

And more, just ask!

Identifying and Controlling Snow Mold

You may experience this problem with your lawn from time to time in the spring: patches of discolored grass, either straw-colored or matted with a white or pinkish web-like coating that appears in the early Spring. It appears as the snow cover begins to melt, and may continue to thrive and spread as long as the weather is cool and damp. Usually, the discolored spots begin to shrink as the weather becomes hot and dry, but in rare years that are cool and wet, the spots may persist through the summer and into the fall.

This is snow mold — a lawn disease caused by two principle fungal culprits:



gray snow mold (*Typhulasp*; also known as Typhula blight), and pink snow mold (*Microdochium nivalis*, also known as Fusarium patch). As the names suggest, gray snow mold shows a white-to-grayish webbing to the infected areas, while pink snow mold is grayish to pink.

The fungi remain inactive in the soil in the form of resistant fungal structures or spores, easily surviving high summer temperatures but not actively growing. The spores or fungal structures launch into active growth beneath snow cover in the late winter when the temperatures dip beneath snow cover range from slightly below freezing to about 45°F. When snow cover melts, the active fungal infections will continue to thrive and spread until surfaces dry out or temperatures are steadily above 45°F. Pink snow mold is slightly more tenacious, growing actively as long as the lawn is moist and temperatures are between 32° and 60°F.

Almony's can help treat snow mold and provide proper lawn care throughout the year. "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." This old adage holds true for lawn care too. One of the best ways to prevent a snow mold situation is by taking care of your turf grass in the late summer months. This means applying fall fertilizer at the proper time and maintaining a healthy length when mowing. Before winter, the lawn should be cut at no more than 3" tall and no less than 2.5". Staying within these guidelines will keep your turf plant strong and healthy going into winter. Also, keeping leaves off your lawn will decrease your chances of getting snow mold on your lawn, as well as spreading out large amounts of snow to encourage rapid melting.

Why is leaf removal important?

Leaf removal is important for aesthetic as well as agronomic reasons. Although turf grass growth slows as the temperature drops, photosynthesis continues. The energy from this process is stored to be used the following spring. With leaves resting on your lawn, this process is inhibited. Basically, the leaves act as shade, blocking light that would be used in the photosynthesis process. Excess leaves on the lawn blocks sunlight and reduces water evaporation, which can cause fungus,



mold and disease. These things alone can wipe out a lawn in a year or two, even if it's cleaned up in the spring. Just like anything in life, a healthy lawn can take a hit and bounce back, but a stressed lawn can be sent over the edge with leaves being allowed to sit for a period of time. Letting leaves sit can leave you reseeding in the spring. Wet, decomposing leaves can also be a breeding ground for insects. There are also some plant diseases which get cycled back into the plant as the leaves decompose into the soil at the base of the plant. Properly timed leaf removal will allow your lawn to breathe and to be well nourished. Leaving leaf piles for spring can have negative effects on your turf quality once the snow melts. We agree that there's just something about those beautiful leaves and colors that makes this time of



the year so special, but unfortunately, those pretty leaves don't tend to look nearly as majestic when they start to fall and clutter up your lawn. And to make matters worse, clearing your lawn can be more difficult and time-consuming than you would think. You can have leaves hiding in landscape beds, behind patios, shrubs and clogging gutters. Let us take care of your leaf removal this fall.

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GIE 2017 Louisville, KY

IN OCTOBER, BRIAN, KYLE, RUSSEL, JASON AND CLARK SPENT THREE DAYS AT THE GREEN INDUSTRY EXPO IN LOUISVILLE, KY. NOT ONLY DID THE GUYS ATTEND EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS, THEY ALSO DISCOVERED LOTS OF NEW THINGS THAT WILL BE COMING OUT IN 2018 WITHIN THE LAWN AND LANDSCAPE INDUSTRY.



BRIAN AND THE TEAM LEARNED A LOT ABOUT NEW EQUIPMENT THAT WILL HELP KEEP OUR CREWS EFFICIENT, CUTTING EDGE TECHNIQUES FOR LAWN AND LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE, NEW HARDSCAPE PRODUCTS THAT WILL EXTEND THE LIFE OF YOUR OUTDOOR PROJECTS, AND SAFETY PRACTICES TO ENSURE THAT OUR CREWS ARE ALWAYS PUTTING THE SAFETY OF THEMSELVES AND OTHERS FIRST. OF COURSE, THE CREW ALSO SPENT TIME WALKING THE 40 ACRE EXPO, TRYING OUT LOTS OF NEW EQUIPMENT AND WATCHING INSTALLATION DEMONSTRATIONS. ANOTHER GREAT, WORTH-WHILE AND EDUCATIONAL TRIP TO KENTUCKY . . . UNTIL NEXT YEAR!

The year is coming to an end! The year brought many wonderful opportunities for us, with exciting projects completed, new outdoor spaces created, beautiful landscapes installed, lush green lawns achieved, and regular maintenance opportunities to de-stress the lives of our customers. Your feedback is used to enhance, improve and grow our success in meeting your expectations. Please always feel free to call the office at 717-235-5981 or email us at Office@Almonys.com with your thoughts, suggestions or concerns. We truly appreciate your continued support throughout the year! Look for our next newsletter in 2018!



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