

THE SHADE TREE GAZETTE

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About This Service...

Today we applied our early-fall application to your lawn. Cool-season (Fescue) lawns received a balanced fertilizer that is high in phosphorus. This fertilizer will aid the germination of your newly seeded Fescue lawn.

Your lawn will be changing as cool weather approaches. The following hints will help you maintain your lawn in top condition through the remainder of this year and assure you of a nice lawn next spring. Fall is the best time to aerate and seed your Fescue lawn. **King GREEN** offers this service, or if you choose, you can do it yourself. In order to maintain a nice Fescue lawn, it should be aerated and seeded each fall. Fescue doesn't spread by runners and must be repopulated each fall by overseeding. The proper steps in overseeding a Fescue lawn are:

- 1) Mow lawn as short as possible.
- 2) Water lawn thoroughly.
- 3) Rent a core-type aerator and make at least two passes over the lawn.
- 4) Spread Fescue seed at a rate of 3 to 6 lbs. per 1,000 sq. ft. (If you don't know how much seed to use, call our office and we'll be glad to help.)
- 5) Water EVERY DAY until seed germinates and is 2" to 3" tall.
- 6) Stay off lawn and keep traffic to a minimum (including mowers) for 3 to 4 weeks.

This process will ensure that your Fescue lawn looks nice through next year. If you can't aerate yourself, we'll be glad to provide this service for you. Our representatives will be calling soon to discuss this service with you. Warm-season (Bermuda and Zoysia) grass received a pre-emergent herbicide to prepare for winter. Broadleaf weed control was applied as the temperature allowed. If you have any questions, please call our office at (770) 536-7611. We'll be glad to help in any way.

Did you receive a tree and shrub application today?

The tree and shrub application today consisted of insecticide to control any young insects that might be hatching and a miticide to control red spider mites on junipers and other shrubs. A fungicide was applied that should keep your shrubs looking their best for the next 6 to 8 weeks. You may have noticed that we don't always spray every plant each time. **King GREEN** uses only the most environmentally responsible products available. It is our policy to minimize all pesticide use. For this reason, we'll evaluate the landscape during each visit and spray only that plant material which needs spraying.

TURF TALK FROM CHARLIE

Now that summer is almost over and the kids are back at school, it's time to think about our fall treatments for your lawn, trees and shrubs. Fall is the time when we set the stage for winter and even next spring in our lawns. Bermuda, Zoysia and Centipede receive a mixture of both pre- and post-emergent weed control products during the fall. These products will keep your lawn clean throughout the winter months. Fescue is beginning one of its fastest periods of growth. Now's the time to aerate and seed your Fescue lawn. Almost all Fescue lawns should be aerated and seeded each and every fall. We'll also be applying fungicides and insecticides to your ornamental plants. This should keep them looking nice as the weather turns cooler.



What's the story with the weather? While I don't profess to be the world's greatest weatherman, I can tell you that I've never seen a "normal" year. When we talk about normal, we're talking about averages. As your 7th grade math teacher will remind you, averages are made up of highs and lows added together and then divided. So when we talk about normal, we're talking about whatever Mother Nature sends us. Be prepared for wet weather, dry weather, hot and cold weather. But whatever the weather, you can rest assured that we at **King GREEN** are watching and adjusting our programs and products to bring you the best treatments for your lawn and landscape. We work hard to stay ahead of the other guy. We do this with training, seminars, hard work and a lifetime of field experience.

We appreciate your business each and every day. We want you to let us know how we're doing. When your technician does something special, let us know. If you have a concern, let us know that too so that we can address any issue in a timely manner. Thanks for using **King GREEN**. Please visit us on the Web at kinggreen.com.

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Some of the benefits of a deep-green carpet of healthy grass are obvious. A home surrounded by a lush, well-kept lawn has a fresh, inviting appearance. A nice lawn also provides us with a great place to walk, relax or play.

Other benefits aren't so obvious, and some might even surprise you. In this age of environmental awareness, it's interesting to note what a hard worker the little grass plant is.

Today's lawn-type grasses have been developed for various characteristics, but grasses have covered the planet for thousands of years! Their natural ability to affect and maintain environmental conditions make them an essential ingredient in the biosphere.

A well-maintained lawn can actually help to provide a healthier place for you, your family and your community. Some of the not-so-obvious facts of turfgrass include:

- A lawn measuring 50' x 50' produces enough oxygen to meet the needs of a family of four every day.
- Grass is a natural air conditioner. It absorbs the sun's heat during the day. Temperatures over grassy surfaces on a sunny, summer day can be 10° to 14° cooler than over asphalt or concrete.
- Turfgrass helps to clean the air, too. Grass plants absorb pollutants like carbon dioxide and return pure oxygen in exchange.
- A thick, healthy lawn is a natural deterrent to allergy-causing weed pollen.
- Biting and stinging insects are found less often in lawns free of blooming weeds, such as clover.
- Traffic and other kinds of noise are greatly reduced in areas where lawns are present. Soft-surfaced landscapes absorb sound, while hard surfaces reflect it.
- Dense turf filters surface water before it returns to ground water supplies.
- Grass also works as a barrier to soil erosion from both wind and water.

We're dedicated to caring for your lawn because we understand the many benefits it brings to you and the world we all share. We're here to make sure it stays healthy and "on the job." Call **King GREEN** whenever you have questions about caring for your turf.

20/20 Referral Program

King GREEN appreciates your business and is giving you the opportunity to receive a \$20 credit. Plus, your friend can receive \$20 off their first service! Refer a new customer to **King GREEN** for any tree, shrub or lawn care service, and when they sign up for service, you'll receive a \$20 credit and your friend will receive \$20 off their first service. It's that easy!

Call us today for details!

What's for dinner?

STUFFED ACORN SQUASH

2 small acorn squash

2 Tbs. soft margarine

1 medium onion

½ stick butter

8 oz. sliced mushrooms

3 oz. package real bacon pieces

2 Tbs. sun-dried tomato pieces

2 Tbs. pine nuts

½ cup shredded Swiss cheese

Cut squash in half and discard seeds. Spread soft margarine on cut side and on cookie sheet or baking dish. Place squash, cut side down, on cookie sheet.

Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, sauté onion, mushrooms, bacon, tomato pieces and pine nuts in butter just until tender.

After squash has baked for 30 minutes, turn over each piece on cookie sheet.

Mix Swiss cheese with sautéed mixture and spoon into squash halves. Bake 20 more minutes until warm throughout.



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