

Late Fall Issue

THE SHADE TREE GAZETTE

King GREENSM



About This Service...

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

Your lawn will be changing as cool weather approaches, and the following hints will help you maintain your lawn in top condition through the remainder of this year while assuring you of a nice lawn next spring. The best time to seed has come and gone. If you haven't seeded and you have bare areas, you can still apply some seed – but the results won't be as good as they would have been if you had seeded earlier. Warm-season (Bermuda and Zoysia) grass received a pre-emergent and a post-emergent herbicide. These products will prevent many winter annual weeds in your lawn and will control most of the broadleaf weeds in your lawn at this time. As the weather gets cold, your Bermuda/Zoysia will be going dormant. Even though your lawn will be brown, it will still need our winter application to aid in the control of weeds during the winter and early spring. If you have any questions, please call our office at (770) 536-7611, or visit our website at www.kinggreen.com. We'll be glad to help in any way we can.

Did you receive a tree and shrub application today?

The tree and shrub application today consisted of dormant oil and insecticide. This application utilizes oils to help minimize the use of pesticides later in the year. This oil actually smothers insects and their eggs. By using a sticking agent, these oils remain on the plants longer, thereby increasing their length of effectiveness. This helps prevent damaging populations next season.



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TURF TALK FROM CHARLIE

The leaves are brown and summer is over. We here in the deep south are looking forward to a change of season that won't freeze our toes but might provide just the right amount of nip in the air. We've just about finished our fall overseeding campaign, and maybe we'll begin to get some rain to refill our lakes and rivers.



It's been a stressful year for our lawns, trees and shrubs. Lack of adequate rainfall combined with extra disease pressure (especially in Charlotte) made for a challenging year. However, our year isn't finished. Important applications are on the way as we prepare lawns for winter.

Thank you for your patience as we've worked this year. Conditions weren't the best, but as I've said before, we deal with what Mother Nature brings us. Thank you for being a customer, and remember that you can always call or visit us on the Web at www.kinggreen.com.



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Wrapping Up the Season

The final cut: equipment winterizing

It's time to finish up yet another growing season, and there are still a few things to do before football takes over completely!

Give your tools a tune-up

Before you throw the shovels, rakes and lawn mowers into that dark corner to hibernate for another off season, give them a two-hour overhaul. They'll thank you next spring by performing properly. Soil and mud left on handtools will cause rust. Wash the tools with your garden hose and let dry. After drying, wipe all metal parts with a rag dipped in oil to protect against corrosion. Wipe down wooden handles with linseed oil to condition the wood and help prevent drying.

The lawn mower may be more than you want to tackle. If you decide to have it serviced, do it now to avoid the spring rush. Whether you do it yourself or have it done, the mower should be emptied of gas. Left in the engine, gas forms gummy deposits that foul up the works. The easiest way is to simply run the mower until it's out of gas.

Next, remove the spark plug wire and spark plug and put an ounce or less of oil into the spark plug hole. Pull the rope several times to coat the inside of the cylinder. Clean the spark plug (or replace it) and reinstall. Drain the oil and replace it, clean or replace the air filter, scrape any clippings from under the deck, clean the whole mower carefully and, finally, sharpen the blade and coat it with oil.



IT'S FEEDING TIME

The old song goes something like, "we don't know what we got till it's gone."

This is especially true with the trees and shrubs in your landscape. It's so easy to overlook the needs of our most beautiful ornamentals, because many homeowners figure, "if they've made it this long, they must be doing fine." But in today's suburban landscapes, the opposite is often true.

Tree and shrub needs grow with time

Because of many environmental conditions, like pollution, compacted soils and soils poor in natural nutrients, many trees and shrubs appear fine for many years, only to begin declining as they become mature. Untreated attacks from disease or insect pests can speed this decline. And if trees and shrubs in decline aren't properly cared for, they'll either die or begin to lose their natural form.

Root fertilization helps trees and shrubs to "fight back"

If fertilizer is present in the root zone, ornamentals will make good use of it through the cooler months. During the fall and winter, they can develop reserves of nutrients in their root systems. These reserves improve plant vigor, help reduce damage from insects and disease, and can improve flowering.

Don't risk losing your new or mature plantings. Have us fertilize your trees and shrubs for a healthier, more beautiful landscape next spring.

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!

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