

Spring Issue

THE SHADE TREE GAZETTE

King GREENSM



About This Service...

Today we applied the spring application to your lawn. Cool-season (Fescue) lawns received a balanced fertilizer, broadleaf weed control and a pre-emergent herbicide for the control of annual grasses. This application will enhance the color of your lawn and aid in controlling weeds (which may be present at this time). Crabgrass and other annual grasses will be controlled by the pre-emergent herbicide.

Warm-season grasses (Zoysia and Bermuda) received a balanced fertilizer, broadleaf weed control and a pre-emergent herbicide. Weeds that may be present should begin to curl and fade in the next two to three weeks. The pre-emergent herbicide will help to prevent annual grasses from germinating.

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 mites on junipers and other shrubs. 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's our policy to minimize all pesticide use. For this reason, we'll evaluate the landscape during each visit and spray only those plant materials that need spraying.

Thank you for using King GREEN.



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TURF TALK FROM CHARLIE

Well, we're beginning to see signs of spring after some awfully cold weather in late January and early February. **King GREEN** is up and running as we apply your important spring fertilizers and herbicides. Wow... it's so much easier for us to do a good job with customers who stay with the program year after year! You'd be surprised just how fast a lawn can go backwards without the proper products.



What can you do at this time of the year to help us?

- Always make sure that you're mowing with a sharp blade at the proper height.
- If you have a Bermuda lawn, the mowing height should be lowered to about 1" at this time of year.
- If you have a Fescue lawn, it should be growing pretty fast from now through late May. Make sure that you're mowing at least every week. Sometimes it may need mowing every five days.
- If you have a history of disease, give us a call so that we can discuss preventative disease control with you. While this isn't a part of our regular program, we do have optional services that can help a lot with disease prevention and control.
- If you have any questions, please give us a call or e-mail us. Be sure to leave all of your telephone numbers so that we can get back with you.

We'd like to thank you once again for your business and your loyalty. We know that you have choices, and you chose us. Thank you very much!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Charlie King'.

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Fireweed (American Burnweed)

Fireweed is a common weed that germinates from April until June in many lawns across the Southeast. It's a leafy annual with alternate broad-shaped leaves that have toothy margins. It grows fast and can appear in massive numbers that seem to be taking over the lawn. This weed has the ability to grow from the thatch layer in your lawn and reside above the pre-emergent barrier that we've established. It



will root laterally throughout this thatch zone and will not establish a taproot. Thus, it cannot survive in a lawn with regular mowings and with the onset of summer heat. This is evident by it being easy to pull up and seeing the root development being clubbed off and branching out as opposed to going deeply into the soil.

We can safely spray broadleaf weed controls to help control Fireweed as long as temperatures stay below the upper 80s.

One way to prevent it from coming back next year is to reduce the thatch layer in your lawn.

De-thatching with a rake or mechanical device after scalping the lawn in the early spring can take away the excessive thatch where Fireweed gets its foothold to show up in your lawn.

GETTING SET FOR THE SEASON AHEAD

- **Clean up.** It's time to clear away whatever the winter left behind: leaves in planting beds or sticks and branches. Cut back any perennials that were left in the fall.
- **Turn over.** Got compost? Now is a good time to turn it. This speeds up how quickly it will be ready to use.
- **Dig in.** Beds should receive a clean, new edge and soil should be turned if possible. It's a great time to work in some of that compost or other organic matter.
- **Plan for planting.** Got plans for some new trees, shrubs or flowers? Make a list of favorites to check out. As far as lawn planting goes, late summer or early fall is usually best.



Weedy Edges?

Have you ever noticed that weeds are often worse along the edges of streets, sidewalks and drive-ways? It all comes down to the fact that weeds can thrive in conditions that are bad for healthy lawn growth. For example:

- Foot traffic is usually heaviest along driveway and curb areas. This causes soil to become compacted, which is great for weed growth but not for lawns.
- Road salt, carbon monoxide and other exhaust fumes can make the soil along your driveway more toxic to healthy grass.
- Watering often misses the very edges of your lawn. These areas actually need more water than the rest of your lawn, not less.
- Lawn edges are often cut too short with string trimmers and mowers, making these spots not only the hardest, hottest and driest, but also the thinnest parts of your lawn.

So What's the Solution?

The best way to keep the edges of your lawn weed-free is to have King GREEN treat these areas with heavier doses of pre-emergent and post-emergent herbicides. Twice the usual amount of aeration and overseeding with a drought-resistant grass variety can also be helpful. Finally, careful mowing and trimming along with deep, regular watering will further encourage healthy grass growth. This will discourage unwelcome weed invaders.



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What's for Dinner?

Hearty & Tasty Vegetable Beef Stew

INGREDIENTS:

Small chuck roast (approx. 2 lbs.)	2 bay leaves
46 oz. Spicy V-8 Juice	1 can "chili-ready" tomatoes
8 cups water	1 cup diced celery
1 medium onion, chopped	1 8 3/4 oz. can corn
1 Tablespoon salt	1 cup sliced carrots
1 Tablespoon Worcestershire sauce	1 10 oz. pkg. frozen lima beans
1/4 teaspoon chili powder	1 10 oz. pkg. frozen green beans

Simmer chuck roast, V-8 Juice, water, onion and seasonings 2 to 3 hours. Remove meat; add rest of ingredients and simmer until carrots are tender. Cut meat into bite-sized pieces, add back in and continue simmering until warm.

Serves 8-10...**enjoy!**

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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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