



**Special points of interest:**

- Mulch under trees and shrubs to prevent frost heaving
- Rake leaves from lawn and landscape beds
- Cut back dead perennials and foliage
- Lower mowing height to 2.5" or lower. Be sure to winterize your mower after last mowing
- Fall clean-ups can be done at this time once all the leaves have fallen
- This is a great time to fertilize trees and shrubs
- A winter feeding fertilizer product should be applied to prevent winter stress & faster green-up next Spring

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## Winterization of Your Irrigation System



Irrigation systems can be very beneficial, especially during hot and dry months. But they must be maintained properly in order to ensure they are performing as they are designed.

Give our office a call today to get yours scheduled as the times are beginning to fill up fast!

Winterization is one of the most important steps to maintaining your irrigation system. Climate plays a big part in the timing of when this should be done. In Iowa, with our colder winters, we recommend doing this in October before the first hard frost. This is a critical service to have performed. If it is not done properly, your system can sustain damage during the winter months.

There are several different methods that service professionals use to get this done. The most common is the "blow out" method. This is done by blowing compressed air through the irrigation lines, making sure to get all the water out so the pipes don't freeze up over the winter.



## Get Your Lawn Ready for Winter



It's that time of year again! With the cooler temperatures starting to creep back into our forecast, Fall is quickly approaching. It is time to start thinking about getting your lawn and landscape beds cleaned up and ready for winter. This is the process of removing and disposing of all leaves and debris that have accumulated on the lawn and landscape beds.

This is best done once the leaves have all fallen or by the end of November (whichever comes first). Call our office today to get an estimate for your yard. You will thank us next Spring!

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