



Special points of interest:

- If the weather is mild, make your garden rounds, pressing back into place perennial plants which have been heaved from the soil by frost
- Cut down ornamental grasses (if not done last fall) when they become messy and unkempt looking
- Begin planning for early spring & summer landscape projects
- Call our office to set up a time to have one of our designers come out and meet with you to put together a plan for your home

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Wonderful Winter Landscape Ideas

As you're looking around your yard now that the snow has fallen, you might be thinking about making some changes before next winter. Landscapes can be somewhat bleak if the yard becomes flat land when the winter arrives. Turning your yard into a winter interest landscape is easy and can be worthwhile to both you as well as your guests.

Many yards have evergreens and conifers which can add some interest over the winter months as they keep their foliage all year long. Red twig dogwoods are another good choice as they are native to our area and have a distinctive red-colored bark. They also can grow extremely tall and will show up above the snow drifts. Adding some of the snow drifts. Plant material that can provide winter interest can be found by following these simple criteria:



1. Bark has an unusual finish or color
2. Produces berries in winter that attract birds
3. Foliage is evergreen (holds foliage all year long)
4. Offers an interesting branch structure

Other good plant options include viburnum, serviceberry, birch, and ornamental grasses just to name a few. Be sure to focus on high-traffic areas where your guests will be going through during the winter months. Following these guidelines will help to extend the amount of time you can enjoy your landscapes even after the snow begins to fly.

Sharp-N-Lube Mobile Mower Service

We know it's still cold out, but the mowing season is just around the corner. Is your mower ready? One of the keys to a thick and healthy lawn is to have your blades sharpened. This will also keep the chances of your lawn getting a disease at a minimum.



It is recommended to have your blades sharpened and balanced every 15-20 hours of mowing. Sharp and balanced blades provide a more even cut ensuring a healthier turf grass plant. Our Sharp-N-Lube Mobile Mower Service can come to your home and provide this service for you along with our "12-point standard service" which includes: cleaning the engine, changing the oil, checking the tires, greasing the wheels, cleaning upper and lower decks, checking the spark plugs, and cleaning the air filter just to name a few. We provide this service for walk-behind mowers as well as riding mowers. Call our office today to get your mower scheduled as the dates are filling up fast!

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