



Special points of interest:

- Keep up with watering as this is typical with dry months in Iowa
- Prune Maple and Birch trees as needed
- Check for grub activity in turf areas
- Continue mowing – skip if grass is not growing or it is excessively hot
- Prune azaleas and rhododendrons after blooming
- Prune and shape evergreens as needed
- Weed perennial and other landscape beds as needed

Landscape Spotlight: Japanese Beetles



The Japanese Beetle is often considered an attractive insect. They are generally metallic green in color with coppery/brown wing covers. Along the sides they have patches of whitish hairs. This is the most common way to identify and distinguish them from other insects.

The adults can cause serious damage and injury to leaves and flowers of over 300 different plants from ornamental shrubs/trees to fruits and vegetables. Some of the plants that are most commonly targeted are rose bushes and crabapple trees. Feeding injuries usually include damage to leaves where the appearance looks “skeletonizing”, this is where the larger veins are left alone and the rest of the leaf surface is chewed away leaving only the “skeleton” of the leaf remaining.

You may be more familiar with the larvae-form of this insect, the white grub, as it can cause serious damage to your turf by chewing through the root system. The adult beetles usually emerge in Mid-June through Early July.

Control is difficult because they emerge each day for a period of several weeks. Spot spraying infested foliage of plants may reduce damage, but it may take multiple applications to maintain full control over these insects. If you believe you have a problem, call our office to have one of our trained and licensed professionals come out and identify and control the problem before severe damage or plant loss occurs.

The Benefits of Having An Irrigation System

Benefits:

1. **Save time:** No more spending hours watering your lawn by hand. No more having to remember to move the hose every 20-30 minutes. Your irrigation system will do it for you.
2. **Save Water:** No more forgetting to turn the water off outside. No more running hundreds of gallons that just run off your lawn and drain into the street never to be used by your turf. Your irrigation system will regulate the amount of water as well as the times it turns off and on. You will save money on your water bill versus hand-watering.
3. A+ Lawn and Landscape is a certified irrigation contractor through the National Irrigation Association, 1 of 2 locally. Our staff has over 50 years combined experience. We are a Preferred Hunter, Toro, and Rainbird Select Contractor. This allows us to provide longer warranties on the products we install. Give us a call to set up an appointment today to get an estimate!



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