

## Get Your Spring On!

Spring is a wonderful time of rejuvenation and renewal and steps taken now to get your outdoor environment in shape will pay great dividends in the form of a thick green lawn and beautiful gardens you can enjoy all summer and fall. At Lawrence Landscapes, we'd be happy to help you check off all the items on your spring cleanup To Do list. Together we can plan and execute a stunning outdoor Lifescape to suit your summer relaxation and entertainment needs. In the meantime, think spring!

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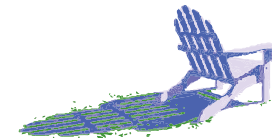
Lawrence Landscapes can help plan and prepare for your special party this season, including graduations, bar mitzvahs, and weddings! From tents to centerpieces, and plantings to clean-up, we can be the real life of your party.

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Tips, information, & resources to create and enhance your outdoor living spaces, courtesy of Lawrence Landscapes



## Our SPRING CLEANING Issue



- Preparing your lawn and garden for a spectacular summer
- Spring pruning for summer success

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# Spring Cleanups: Getting the chores done before summer hits

If you plan now and prepare properly in the spring, you'll greatly enhance the health and beauty of your lawn for the entire season—while also reducing the amount of time and effort you'll need to spend maintaining it. Just follow these simple tips:

## Clean and rake:

Start by collecting up branches, twigs and other debris that has collected on your lawn over the winter. Then rake the entire lawn vigorously to dislodge built-up thatch and allow air and light to penetrate the turf and encourage healthy growth.

## Strike the right balance:

Don't fall into the trap of automatically adding lime to your lawn every year, just because that's what you've always done. Have your soil tested as early in the season as possible. If the pH is lower than 6.0 to 6.5, go ahead and add lime. But if it's higher than that, then you need to add sulfur to make your soil more acidic. Feel free to call Lawrence Landscapes for a proper reading.

## Banish weeds from the start:

Pre-emergent herbicides prevent many weeds, particularly crabgrass, from ever germinating. Crabgrass control is best applied when the forsythias begin to bloom—later than that and you risk of having 10s of thousands of seeds exploding into life in late June through July. For persistent problem areas, make a second application of crabgrass control, mixed with broadleaf weed control and fertilizer.

The earlier you take on weeds, the less time you're likely to spend fighting them later.



Studies show that grubs can become resistant to chemical treatment when over-applied. Be sure grubs are present before you apply anything.

## Feed your hungry lawn:

When your lawn awakens from winter, it has a healthy appetite. A wide range of highly effective organic and synthetic fertilizers, including many blended with pre-emergent weed control are available. Just make sure they're applied at the right time with the right equipment, and are watered in properly. Lawrence Landscapes can make sure your lawn receives the right treatments, properly applied at the optimal times.

Organic or synthetic fertilizers and pre-emergent weed control works well if you apply them at the right time, with the right water and correct method.

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## Call in the pros:

From the heavy rains of 2009 to the heavy snowfall this past winter, if there was ever a time to have an expert evaluation of your landscape, 2010 is it! Lawrence Landscapes will be happy to provide an expert inspection of your property.

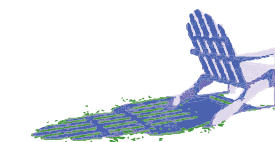


The forsythia is named after William Forysth, director of the Chelsea Physic Garden in 1770. He is the maker of the first rock garden in the UK and one of the founders of the Royal Horticultural Society.

# Spring Pruning for Summer Success

Many plantings require spring pruning to ensure optimal blooming and growth, but it's important to know which ones. For instance, the type of clematis you have determines when to prune (prune summer/fall bloomers in early spring and spring/repeat bloomers after spring flowers fade).

One rule of thumb is shrubs that flower in the summer should be pruned in early spring. Pruning should be done at the end of the dormant season when the risk of hard frost has passed. Wait until just before new growth begins and as buds begin to swell. For healthy plants, the harder you prune, the more vigorously new shoots will grow.



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