

Peonies VII

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

John Fitzgerald Kennedy



*We at Jefferson
Landscaping are
thankful for you, our
loyal customers!*



Giving Thanks to our Gardens...

Ways to continue caring for our yards as winter approaches

The days are shorter, the air is crisper, and the holiday season is upon us. As we try to juggle busy schedules filled with jobs and families and holiday planning, it's sometimes easy to forgo the garden duties... especially when it feels like it's too cold outside to make much of a difference.

But the fact is that our gardens have, like most of nature's living creatures, simply slowed down for the winter. Our gardens still require maintenance and care in order to survive the winter and thrive in the spring. Here are a few suggestions for late-autumn garden care:

- This is the time to turn over your vegetable garden, to freeze any hibernating insects.
- It's also very important to clean up any diseased and insect infested foliage in order to prevent any further spreading and damage when the weather warms again.
- As winter approaches, make sure to keep "top growth" to two inches or less. Any more than that may lead to diseases and mold.
- Before putting your lawn mower and garden tools away from the winter, make sure to clean them thoroughly and coat them with oil (as necessary). This way, they will be in top working order for spring!
- As the weather cools, you'll need to protect your fragile roses. Spreading a thick layer of bark mulch around the base of the stems will help insulate them.
- Autumn is a great time to sow wildflower seeds for an early spring bloom.

Your garden will thank you with a bountiful spring harvest, a healthy green lawn, and rich, healthy soil... with just a little bit of attention now.

What's Growing On? New & Noteworthy

If you have not noticed already, we have switched to our winter schedule and are now coming twice monthly through February. We do our best to make it to you on your scheduled service day but due to holidays and weather incidents that is not always possible. We apologize in advance if this causes any inconvenience.

A fun thing we offer to help brighten the short days of winter is low voltage lighting demonstrations. If you are having a party or just curious how it could enhance your property let us know and we can set it up for you and leave it for a week so you can light up different areas and have some fun.

Giving Thanks

In this time of Thanksgiving, we pause to remember the friends, the loved ones, and the perfect strangers who have touched our lives in some good way... be it great or small. Sometimes life, with its trials and tragedies, overwhelms us to the point where we forget about the blessings all around us. This Thanksgiving, let us not just reflect and be grateful, but take action. We can do this by giving thanks to a person who has touched us, or by doing something good for someone else. As Marcel Proust put it: *"Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom."*