

Late Summer 401-821-7300 1-800-294-LAWN (5296)

Growing News

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About Today's Application 4

Today we applied the fourth fertilizer treatment of the season. Broadleaf weed control was applied for persistent weeds such as clover, veronica, violets, etc. Surface insect control also was applied on an as needed basis.

Seasonal Services Available

CORE AERATION: unless you already have core aeration scheduled for your lawn, a core aeration information sheet and price was left for you today. Annual aeration is one of the most important services that you can perform to improve the health and appearance of your lawn. Please find the attached information and give us a call if you would like to schedule this important service.

Both nutsedge and crabgrass are typically problems at this time of the year. We've been treating both as appropriate throughout the summer. Both will be dying with cooler temperatures and shorter days. Permanent grasses will fill in as your fall fertilizer application is made.

TREE SERVICES: Tree Solutions by SeaScape offers a wide variety of tree services, including removals, trimming, insect & disease control, stump grinding and shrub pruning (this is the perfect season for shrub pruning!). Let our professional arborists take the worry out of all of your tree and shrub work. Fully insured and licensed. Call today for a free price quote.

Ask The Expert...

by Owner/President Jim Wilkinson PhD

Here are answers to some typical questions received from customers at this time of year.

Q. My yard was full of Japanese beetles in July and early August. Will I automatically have a grub problem in my lawn this fall?

A. Probably not. Most SeaScape customers purchase our preventive grub control service. While not perfect, it does control the eggs laid by the beetles in 98% of cases. If you did not purchase the grub control option, you should be on the look out for grub damage in September through November. Look for grass suddenly dying, even if there has been plenty of rain, or animals digging in the lawn.

Also, remember that in southern New England we have many kinds of grubs that damage

lawns, not just Japanese beetle grubs. So even if you did not see Japanese beetles in July, you could still have a grub problem resulting from chafer or June beetles. If you suspect a problem, please be sure to call us right away.

Q. SeaScape reports to me that the brown patches in my lawn are the result of bentgrass. What the heck is it and why can't SeaScape control it?

A. Bentgrass is a grassy weed, present in lawns throughout the northeast. Bentgrass seed often is present in soil, and blows into your lawn just like a dandelion seed. Unfortunately, some low quality seed mixes even contain bentgrass seed.

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What you need to do until our next visit:

- Mowing continues to be critical through the remainder of the season. Continue to mow HIGH, and please remember to leave/mulch clippings whenever possible.
- Watch for grubs! This is the season for grub damage. The white, C-shaped larvae of Japanese and other beetles feed on grass roots throughout the fall. They can quickly turn a lawn brown despite adequate rainfall or irrigation. Alternatively, animals such as skunks, raccoons or crows may damage a lawn by feeding on the grubs. If you suspect a grub problem, please call us right away for a service call.
- We may have left you a quote today for core aeration and overseeding. Aeration is particularly helpful on old or thatchy lawns, or on lawns with compact soils.

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SeaScape's **Tree Solutions program** provides the finest in care for your trees and shrubs. This service adds value to your property and helps control destructive insects and diseases. It prevents future attacks and improves

the overall vigor, growth, flowering and fruiting of small trees and shrubs. Treatments are made using IPM (Integrated Pest Management) principles to ensure limited and efficient use of pest control materials.

Treatment number	Time of application	Type of treatment	Typical plants affected
1	Early spring	Dormant oil for adelgids, scales, winter moths, over-wintering insects	Cherry, holly, lilac, hemlock, rhododendron, yew
2	Early spring	Granular fertilization for improving plant health	Shrubs and small trees < 20' in poor soils.
3	Spring	Inspection and control for spring caterpillars and foliar diseases	Hemlock, dogwood, cherry, holly, crabapple
4	Late spring	Inspection and control for foliar diseases	Dogwood, hawthorn, crabapple
5, 6, 7	Summer	Inspection and control for summer insects, mites, scales & diseases	Hemlock, dwarf Alberta spruce, rhododendron, azalea, Mt. andromeda, juniper, yew, boxwood, holly, cherry
8	Fall	Horticultural oil for pre-dormant scale and sucking insects	Cherry, rhododendron, spruce, lilac, Mt. andromeda
9	Late fall	Anti-transpirant for prevention of winter foliar desiccation on broad leaf evergreens	Rhododendron, azalea, boxwood, holly, inkberry
10	Late fall	Deep root fertilization to improve plant vigor and health	Shrubs and small trees < 20'

Call for a survey now. SeaScape technicians will help you determine the best program for the remainder of this season and for next year. **During this time of year,** for treatments 7, 8, 9, 10, SeaScape can help control late season diseases, beetles and caterpillars.

Starting a program now decreases diseases and insects for next year and improves plant health by protecting broadleaf evergreen foliage and liquid fertilization injected into the plant's root zone.

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Bent grass is a perennial, meaning it grows from year to year, and does not die off in the fall like crabgrass. Even new lawns, whether established from seed or sod, will develop bentgrass patches within 2 - 3 years. Bentgrass is very aggressive, and once established the patches expand rapidly.

Bentgrass is used extensively on golf course greens and tees due to its ability to tolerate very low mowing. In home lawns, however, it is considered a weed due to

its typical brown and patchy appearance at higher mowing heights.

While there are some products under development for the selective control of bent, not many options exist currently for its control. Killing the bent patches with round-up (a non-selective herbicide), followed by seeding, is an option. Where SeaScape has done this, the bentgrass can frequently return within a year or two. When and if a selective bentgrass product becomes available, SeaScape will quickly evaluate its potential for use in lawn renovation or as a bentgrass preventive treatment.

Lawn Core Aeration

Lawn Core Aeration is the mechanical process of removing small plugs (cores) of soil and grass to allow air, water and nutrients to reach deeper into the root zone. Soil compaction greatly reduces the amount of oxygen available in the root zone. Roots require oxygen to grow and absorb water and nutrients. Core aeration benefits lawns by:

- Creates channels to allow oxygen, water and nutrients into the root zone
- Enhances the breakdown of thatch by increasing soil microorganism activity
- Improves root growth
- Reduces soil compaction
- Improves turf grass resiliency
- Improves infiltration and reduces run-off



A mechanical aerator will remove 2”-4” plugs spaced approximately 4”-6” apart. Most lawns in New England will benefit from core aeration. Especially those lawns that were originally sodded (or are primarily Kentucky bluegrass), lawns that have an excessive thatch layer, lawns that are heavily used, lawns growing in clay soils and lawns with shallow root zones (less than 2” deep). Fall is the best time of year to aerate your lawn as this is the time when lawns are coming out of summer dormancy and rapid root growth resumes. There is also far less competition from weeds and crabgrass.

Please see enclosed quote form for pricing or feel free to call our office for more information.

Environmental (& Safety) Stewardship

SeaScape takes time after each application to remove excess granular fertilizers from driveways and sidewalks. We do this by blowing excess product back onto the lawn. The removal of the product from impervious surfaces is critical to avoid the product from running off into drains and storm sewers. Runoff potential is very high from impervious surfaces. However, products properly applied to lawns are not a runoff threat due to the grass' root system and thatch layer.

Fall Over Seeding

In addition to lawn core aeration, Seascape Lawn Care also offers Fall Over Seeding. Fall over seeding in conjunction with lawn core aeration will introduce newer, healthier, more drought/disease resistant varieties of grass into your existing lawn. This process is extremely effective on older lawns, thin lawns, heavily shaded lawns and lawns that have suffered some form of seasonal stress (i.e. drought or heat stress). To ensure adequate germination of the new seed, lawns that are being over seeded will also be aerated 2 times instead of only one. Germination of the new seed will occur in and around all of these plugs. An application of starter fertilizer will also be applied to supply essential nutrients for the new seed. Adequate watering is necessary for any seeding to be successful. Daily watering for 4-6 weeks is required.

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Fall over seeding is not intended to renovate a lawn that has no grass or has large bare areas. Complete lawn renovation may be required in this instance. If you would like more information regarding complete lawn renovation please call our office.

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You may want to also consider overseeding your lawn in conjunction with the core aeration. Overseeding will help to improve and strengthen lawns that are old or otherwise thin due to shade or summer stress. SeaScape will be overseeding with grass varieties that have improved tolerance for heat and drought.

Keep SeaScape in mind for all your landscape needs

SeaScape
Lawn Care

<u>Lawn Care Services</u>	<u>Pest Control Services</u>	<u>Commercial Landscape Maintenance</u>
Lawn Fertilization	Tick Control	Weekly Mowing
Core Aeration	Mosquito Control	Spring/Fall Clean-Up
Lawn Seeding	Perimeter Pest Control	Bed Maintenance/Mulching
Vegetation Management		Snow Plowing

TreeSolutions
By SeaScape

<u>Tree Service</u>	<u>Plant Health Care</u>
Tree Removal/Trimming	Insect/Disease Control
Stump Grinding	Root Fertilization
Hazardous Tree Assessment	Trunk Injection
Ornamental Shrub Pruning	Deer Repellant
Brush Clearing	
Cabling/Bracing	

Christmas Decor
By SeaScape

Holiday & Event Lighting

Customer Referral Program

At SeaScape, most of our new customers are referred to us by one of our many satisfied customers. If you have a friend, relative, neighbor or co-worker that you think might be interested in any one of our services we would love to hear about it. If they become a customer, we'll send you a \$25 coupon good toward any SeaScape service. Your referral will receive 50% off their first lawn care or plant health care application. Please, out of respect for your referrals privacy be sure to inform them that you are giving us their name, address and phone number.. Thank you!

(Offer valid for new, first time SeaScape customers only. There is no limit on the number of referrals that each customer can submit. Only one SeaScape customer may receive credit for each referral.)

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Contact us for a free, no obligation estimate!

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