

Grimm's Goodies

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Core Aeration

Every Fall, we talk about lawn aeration and it's that time of year again. Many of our clients have been aerating for several years now and have found that their turf grass is definitely thicker and more lush, not to mention our customers' aerated lawns grow significantly less weeds than those who only fertilize. Why is that? Well, let me tell you. When a lawn is aerated and all of those goose poo looking things are left all over your yard, the hole that is left behind stimulates the already developing fall root growth. The hole forces the roots to grow deeper which makes them less susceptible to dryness and produces thicker grass. Thicker grass means not only a nicer lawn, but less weeds!



If a lawn is already thin, aeration is still a good idea. However, overseeding will greatly increase the turf's quality for the following spring. This works by a machine that pushes seed directly into the ground without damaging what already exists.



The whole process of regular core aeration is one of the very best services that you can order for your lawn. Annual aeration lets your lawn take full advantage of the nutrient value in the soil.

Over the next few weeks, we will be planning our aeration schedule and will be giving you a call to see if you have any questions on the topic.

Fall Clean Up

It seems like just last weekend was the Fourth of July and here I am talking about fall clean ups. It won't be long before we are fueling up the blowers and building the box for the leaf truck to suck away mountains of leaves. For many of our customers we have been performing fall clean-ups for years so you know what to expect. However, we do have some new folks on the roster so I'll go over it again. We typically make two visits to the property. The first is in mid to late October and the second is in mid to late November. Thoroughness is key especially at the second visit. Another thing to remember is that fall weather is very unpredictable, so please be patient as we are doing the best we can between short days, rain, and yes sometimes snow.



Many folks have special requests that we are happy to accommodate. For some, it is more frequent visits. Others look for roof and gutters to be cleaned. Whatever the task, be sure to let us know what you would like so that we may get you all buttoned up for winter.

As for our customers that live in the city of Akron, I have heard that again this year, there will be only one leaf pick up (as was in 2009). Because of this, we will again follow last year's protocol for our Akron clients. If you have any questions, be sure to call so we can take care of your home.

Area Landscaper Obtains Certification



Brothers Grimm Landscape & Design Co. announces that Justin Sullivan “Sulli” has recently met the requirements to obtain status as an Ohio Certified Nursery Technician—Landscape.

The purposes of the Ohio Certified Nursery Technician—Landscape program are to improve the skills and knowledge of the landscape installer; to have this improvement and professional qualifications recognized in the eyes of the public as well as within the landscape and nursery industry; and to provide the public, architects, and contractors with dependable landscape construction techniques and horticultural expertise.

A training manual for the OCNT program was authored by various faculty members of The Ohio State University Department of Horticulture, and edited by a nine-member committee comprised of garden center owners, nursery stock growers, and landscape

contractors from around the state.

To receive recognition as an Ohio Certified Nursery Technician—Landscape, a person must successfully pass a 170-question examination based on information contained in the training manual and practical work experience. In order to retain certification status, an OCNT must continuously expand their knowledge of the green goods industry by attending seminars and courses.

The Ohio Certified Nursery Technician program is not in any way connected with any agency of the government, but is solely and exclusively a voluntary education program sponsored by the Ohio Nursery and Landscape Association.



Stop and Smell The Roses!!

Typically I would be writing about rose blooms earlier in the summer when many varieties of roses are coming into full bloom. However, every year about this time, there is one very special type of rose that comes into bloom. That rose is the KI-WANIS ROSE DAY rose.

That’s right folks - it’s time once again for the Portage Lakes Kiwanis Rose Day fundraiser. And as a proud Kiwanian, it is my duty and privilege to shamelessly ask that you all send a dozen beautiful roses to the one you love. Roses are



fifteen dollars a dozen and can be picked up or delivered for free almost anywhere in Summit county. The best part is (aside from a smiling sweetie) that all the proceeds go to help fund many, many community activi-

ties throughout the year.

Anyway, I just wanted to share an opportunity with you all to help out with a good cause. There are many different ways that you can order:

1. Go to www.PLKiwanis.org and order online. If you would rather not order online, you can also print an order form from the website and send it into the Kiwanis office.
2. Call the Portage Lakes Kiwanis at 330-644-8967.
3. Stop in the Portage Lakes Kiwanis at 725 Portage Lakes Dr.