

THE BUGGETTE



Bare in Mind by Josh Bare

What's your typical Friday night like? Maybe you look forward to dinner out, some live music, or just vegging at home. I bet not many of you reading this look forward to a ride in a squad car. But that's exactly where I spent one Friday evening, and I highly recommend it – provided you haven't been arrested.

I had the honor of joining Officer Thomas Hodges as part of the Norcross police department's ride-along program. In addition to giving people who are considering becoming a police officer an idea of what the job's like, the program also educates civilians on what our men and women in blue do day to day.

I met up with Officer Hodges at City Hall, jumped into the front seat, and off we went. As we drove, he filled me in on how the evening had been so far – nothing too exciting. We cruised the streets, and I noticed he'd go out of the way to drive through empty parking lots and back alleys just to check on things. He told me about events, both good and bad, that had taken place in the areas we patrolled.

Some of the stories about what people will do to evade the police were pretty funny. One fellow who was being pursued at a hotel attempted to escape out a window, despite being several stories up. The "rope" he fashioned by tying bed sheets together, however, did not deliver him safely to freedom. Instead, it delivered him with some minor injuries to the bushes below and into police custody.

Eventually we got a call. We and a couple of other patrol cars responded to a domestic disturbance at an apartment complex. The officers went to the apartment unit, while I stayed in the car. When Officer Hodges returned he described the incident as a squabble over a TV that, with the help of some alcohol, got a little out of control. No one wanted to press charges, and we moved on.

Then came our second call. A report of possible suspicious activity brought us to an auto parts warehouse, where we were met by a couple of



other officers. After walking the premises, checking the doors, and finding nothing of concern, we hit the streets again.

After a few hours my bedtime was approaching, and thankfully nothing big happened to get my adrenaline pumping. We worked our way back to my side of town, where Officer Hodges dropped me off and then continued into the night.

My thanks to Officer Hodges for sharing his time and allowing me to get an up-close perspective on how police officers work to keep our communities safe. Again, I encourage civilians like me out there to see if their police departments offer similar programs. It was definitely a worthwhile experience.

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Happy 4th of July!

From the Arbor-Nomics family to you and your family: Stay safe and have fun!

Your Contact Information

There are times when we may need to contact you about your yard appointments or alert you to other important information. Creating an account through the customer portal is the best way to provide your email address. Just go to **Arbor-Nomics.com** and click on "My Account" on the upper left corner of the homepage. If you need help creating an account or updating your contact information, don't hesitate to call us at **770.447.6037**.



Tips for Summer Lawn Care

Summer can take a toll on turf. Mowing too low, watering too much or too little, or ignoring early signs of problems can leave you with a lackluster lawn at best or, worse, a lawn that barely survives the summer. Keep your lawn looking great all summer long by following these tips.

Water properly. For the healthiest grass, water your lawn deeply before 10 am. Lawns should receive a total of an inch of water each week.

Clean up after your pooch. The family dog can cause dead spots on a lawn. Keep waste picked up and dispose of it properly.

Avoid parking on the grass. Driving or parking on the lawn is never a good idea. It causes soil compaction, which can lead to a host of other problems, including dead grass.

Let clippings lie. If you're mowing grass at the right height, let clippings lie on the lawn. This practice is called grass cycling and saves you time, money, and fertilizer.

Keep an eye out for infestations. Walk your property to scan for evidence of pests or diseases, which thrive in hot, humid weather.

Source: Bayer Advanced (<https://www.bayeradvanced.com/articles/top-10-summer-lawn-care-tips/>)

What You Need to Know about Water Restrictions

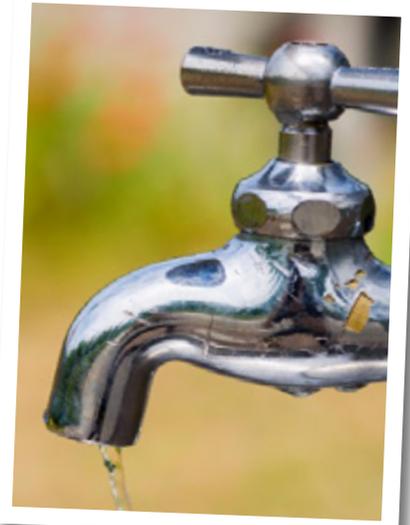
Even with the recent rain, many areas in and around Atlanta are still in Level 2 drought conditions. As the weather heats up, it's important to know the dos and don'ts of water restrictions. While some activities are strictly prohibited (such as non-commercial pressure washing and car washing), **yard and garden irrigation is permitted with restrictions.**

Lawns: Even-numbered addresses can water on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Odd-numbered addresses can water on Thursdays and Sundays. Watering must be done before 10 am or after 4 pm.

Vegetable gardens: There are no day or time restrictions for watering plants grown for food. However, it is still a good idea to water before 10 am or after 4 pm, when water loss due to evaporation will be minimal.

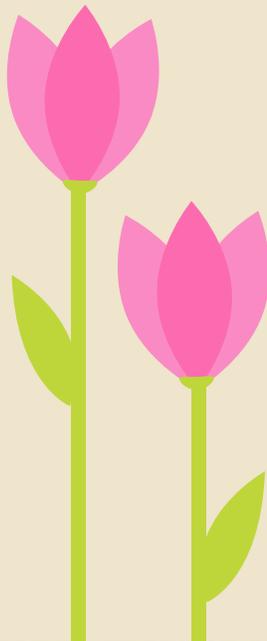
New and replanted plants, seeds, or turf: Watering can be done any time of day for 30 days after installation.

The types of irrigation permitted include drip irrigation using soaker hoses, hand watering from a container or from a hose with automatic cutoff and installation or maintenance of irrigation systems.



Summer Garden TLC

A gardener's work is never done, so don't let the heat keep you from tending your vegetable patch or flower beds. Here's some advice for making your garden beautiful and bountiful.



MULCH. Spreading a 2-inch layer of mulch over your soil is one of the best things you can do for your garden. Mulch shields the soil from the sun, which keeps plant roots cooler and helps retain soil moisture. It also reduces the number of weeds that pop up.

REMOVE FADED FLOWERS. Called deadheading, this process prevents plants from producing seeds, allowing more energy to go into producing beautiful blooms.

START A FALL VEGETABLE GARDEN. Vegetables fall into two basic categories: cool-season and warm-season. Extend your harvest by planting cool-season vegetables like broccoli, carrots, lettuce, and spinach in late August so you can enjoy fresh, delicious home-grown veggies this autumn.

Source: Better Homes & Gardens (<http://www.bhg.com/gardening/yard/garden-care/summer-garden-checklist/>)

Application #4

What we did today to your lawn:

1. Different lawns have different needs:

- **BERMUDA, FESCUE** and **ZOYSIA** lawns received a treatment of Arbor-Organics fertilizer. This fertilizer will provide nourishment to the grass plants until our next visit.
- **BERMUDA, FESCUE** and **ZOYSIA** lawns received an application of weed control.
- This time of year, brown patch fungus is active and causes havoc on **FESCUE** lawns. If you see brown circular patches, call our office to set up an inspection and quote for a fungicide application. Cut Fescue lawns at the highest setting on your mower. This will help to lower the soil temperature for this cool-season grass.

2. **Gold** customers also received a **FREE** Outdoor Pest Control application.

3. **Platinum** customers also received a fungicide treatment, an application of Outdoor Pest Control and a nutsedge/grassy weed application as needed.

What we did to your trees & shrubs: (tree & shrub customers only)

1. We applied an insecticide to help control lace bugs, aphids, caterpillars and Japanese beetles and a miticide to battle spider mites.
2. A fungicide was applied to control diseases like powdery mildew and leaf spot.

What you need to do until our next visit:

1. During summer, all lawns should have one inch of water per week from rain or irrigation. If it doesn't rain, check with your local water authority regarding watering regulations. The best watering time is early morning. Do not water in the afternoon or evening.
2. Keep an eye out for fungal diseases, Japanese beetles and armyworms.
3. Routine mulching will help your shrubs grow better, as it helps retain water in the soil.

If you have any questions concerning your lawn, trees, shrubs or our service, please call our Customer Service Department Monday – Friday, 8am – 5pm at **770.447.6037**. If you call after hours, please leave a message and your call will be returned the next business day.



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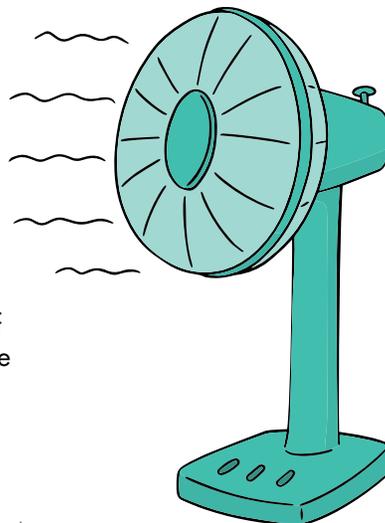
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Staying Cool in the Summer Heat

The scorching summer heat is hard on our bodies. Don't let the temperature get you down, though. When running the AC isn't an option, these tips will help you keep cool even if it feels like the sun is out to get you.

- Wear clothes made of light, breathable fabrics.
- Drink plenty of water throughout the day. Don't wait until you're thirsty to drink.
- Limit exposure to direct sunlight. Avoid prolonged exposure between the hours of 10 am and 4 pm, when the sun is most intense.
- Place ice cubes wrapped in a towel to the pulse points on your wrists and neck to cool down quickly.
- Limit your physical exertion. Activities requiring a lot of physical effort should be done in the relative cool of the early morning or evening.
- Wear sunscreen! Sunscreen won't cool you off, but its protective effect is vital during outdoor summer fun.



Source: Lifehacker (<http://lifehacker.com/5913149/top-10-ways-to-beat-the-heat/>)



Making Water Work for You

Everyone knows how important it is to drink lots of water, especially in the summer months, but plain ol' H₂O can be a bore. Adding citrus, watermelon, or cucumbers to your water jazzes up the flavor while providing some of the nutrients you need to stay healthy and cool.

Take Gus out on the town!

Have your kids color and cut out Gus the gnome. Then take him out in the yard or on one of your summer adventures. Submit your pictures to sue@arbor-nomics.com by September 15th with your child's name, age and mailing address. We will post your submissions to our Facebook page, and as a thank you, we'll send you a **\$2 Chick-fil-A gift card, good for a cool summer treat!**



TERMS AND CONDITIONS: Pictures sent become the property of Arbor-Nomics and can be used for marketing purposes. Child's first name and age will be included on Facebook post. Mailing address is requested to mail gift card. Submissions will be accepted until 9/15/17.