



THE BUGGETTE



Bare in Mind

by Dick Bare

Hi, folks! I'm giving Josh a break for this edition to share some interesting factoids that I came across in my summer reading. I found them both comical and beneficial. The transition to fall usually means managing school schedules (and of course football), but it's also a time when we want to take things a little easier when we can. I hope you're looking forward to enjoying your lawn this fall as much as I am.

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Yard of the Month



Thanks to one of our loyal customers for sharing their "Yard of the Month" photo! Want a yard that stands out in your neighborhood? We can help get you there! To show off your lawn as a "Yard of the Month" winner, **email us your photo so we can share!** Our programs, combined with effective watering and mowing practices, do pay off!

Aeration & Overseeding

Is your Fescue grass thinning after a hot summer? We recommend aeration and overseeding. Aeration removes plugs of soil to allow vital water, nutrients and air to reach the roots. It also makes lawns more resilient by increasing their resistance to heat and drought. Overseeding is the application of seeds over your existing grass to fill in bare spots and help your grass grow thicker and lusher. We recommend aerating the lawn before overseeding, to improve the environment for the seeds to germinate and maximize your lawn's growth potential.

Call us at 770.447.6037 to get an estimate and set up your appointment.





Prepare Your Trees & Shrubs for Fall with Fertilization

Trees and shrubs may appear dormant in the winter, but they still need care and protection from the cold to stay healthy and produce foliage in the spring. In addition, their root structures continue to grow underground where we can't see them, so they still require nutrients. For customers who are not on our tree and shrub program, we offer fall fertilization service as an addition to your regular lawn care. We'll apply a single treatment of our slow-release fertilizer that reacts to soil temperatures, feeding your trees and shrubs when they need it most.

With this one application:

- Your trees and shrubs will develop stronger root systems.
- They'll be more resistant to insects and disease.
- You'll see lusher growth and greener leaves in the spring.

You can also help care for your trees and shrubs during winter by:

- Continuing to water throughout the fall until the ground freezes.
- Providing a warm blanket of mulch to protect roots.

Application #5 September/October Care

Applications #9 and #10 for Silver Plus, Gold Plus and Platinum Customers

Lawn Treatments

Weed Control

All Programs: On warm-season grasses, we applied a pre-emergent to prevent grassy weeds from germinating in the wintertime and a broadleaf weed control. Those weeds should die off within two weeks of the treatment. If you're still seeing them, email or call the office to receive a second treatment free.

Pest & Disease Control

Gold and Gold Plus customers received a FREE Outdoor Pest Control application.

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

Fescue Notes:

Fescue lawns received a granular starter fertilizer high in phosphorus, which encourages the seeds applied in overseeding to germinate. Plan ahead: Fescue should be overseeded in September or October. Please call us for a quote on aeration and overseeding.

Ornamental Tree and Shrub Treatments

For **Gold, Gold Plus and Platinum customers**, we applied an insecticide to help prevent lace bugs, aphids, and caterpillars from settling into your trees and shrubs. We also applied a miticide to battle spider mites and a fungicide to control diseases like leaf spot and powdery mildew.

What You Can Do Until Our Next Visit:

1. All lawns need one inch of water per week from rain or irrigation during the fall. If it doesn't rain, check with your local water authority regarding watering regulations. The best watering time is early morning.
 2. When mowing, do not remove more than 1/3 of the grass blades at each cutting. For optimal appearance, follow the guidelines below based on your grass type:
 - Fescue - Mow every 5 - 6 days
 - Bermuda - Mow every 2 - 5 days (depending on type of Bermuda grass)
 - Zoysia - Mow every 5 - 8 days
- Your lawn will benefit if you don't collect the clippings. If they recycle back into the soil, they'll provide extra nutrients. It is safe to mow immediately after we've applied our products.
3. Keep an eye out for brown patch fungus.
 4. Routine pruning will help your shrubs grow better.

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.

Gardening in the Fall

FALL IS FOR PLANTING.

Enjoy fall shrubs with blooms and berries such as Encore azaleas, camellias, witch hazel, cotoneaster, dogwoods, beautyberry, holly, honeysuckle and pyracantha. Divide or transplant spring blooming perennials.

MORE COLOR PLEASE.

Bring back the color in your garden by replanting a fall crop of annual flowers – geraniums, petunias or zinnias in the full sun. Once temperatures really cool down, replace your warm season annuals with pansies and other violas.

GARDEN FOR FOOD.

Try planting cool-season vegetables like cabbage, lettuce, beets, turnips, spinach, radishes, collards and broccoli. Be sure to water thoroughly after planting.

Source: Pike Nursery (www.pikenursery.com/pages/september-lawn-garden-tips)



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What's your word worth?

If you're taking a break from yard work to chat over the fence with a neighbor, mentioning Arbor-Nomics can put some money in your pocket. **When you refer a neighbor or a friend, you'll get a \$50 credit on your account.** Ask them to give your name when they sign up, and you'll receive your credit after their first treatment.

We know the key to our satisfied customers is our Certified Landscape Specialists. We truly believe our techs are the best in the business and we back them up with our brand guarantee!

Thank you!



THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW:

1. A strawberry isn't a berry, but bananas, avocados and watermelon are.
- 2. Cashews grow on trees, and Brussels sprouts grow on stalks.**
3. Ketchup used to be sold as medicine.
4. McDonald's sells 75 hamburgers every second of every day.
5. Betty White is actually older than sliced bread.
6. Humans share 50% of their DNA with bananas.
- 7. Honey never spoils. You can eat 32,000-year-old honey.**
8. Peanuts are not nuts. They grow in the ground, so they are legumes.
9. The probability of you drinking a glass of water that contains a molecule of water that also passed through a dinosaur is almost 100%.
10. Ginger is the root of a plant.
11. Popsicles were invented by an 11-year-old in 1905.
- 12. Artichokes are flowers that are eaten as buds. See what they look like when flowered.**
13. Apples, like pears and plums, belong to the rose family.
14. The official state vegetable of Oklahoma is the watermelon.
15. There are over 7,500 varieties of apples throughout the world, and it would take you 20 years to try them all if you had one each day.
- 16. No matter what color Fruit Loop you eat, they all taste the same.**



YOU MAY NOT KNOW:

1. Do not use chemicals to kill ants. Instead, get a spray bottle, fill it with water and salt (25%), shake well, spray... boom, dead!
2. 9 foods that get rid of an upset stomach: bananas, ginger, plain yogurt, papaya, applesauce, oatmeal, white rice, chamomile tea, chicken broth.
3. Putting a small amount of 7UP in a flower vase will preserve them for much longer.
- 4. Falling air pressure causes pain in birds' ears, so if birds are flying low to the ground it almost always means a thunderstorm is coming.**



Feel free to mention some of these quirky facts at your next dinner party or family gathering. They aren't life-changing, but I hope they put a smile on your face and have you look at some everyday things a little differently.