

BUGGETTE



Atlanta's Most (Un)Wanted Spring Weeds

Spring is here, and your yard is coming back to life. Unfortunately, the same conditions that rouse your lawn and garden from their winter slumber also awaken unsightly, unwanted weeds. Here's a quick overview of the most likely intruders.

- **Crabgrass:** The most common weed in Georgia is also one of the most aggressive. Its abundant seeds are easily spread by wind and mowing.
- **Chickweed:** This flowering weed may not look very threatening, but a single plant produces enough seeds to overtake the average lawn.
- **Annual Bluegrass (Poa Annua):** Although it flowers in the spring, seeds germinate in the fall, making fall and winter treatment with a pre-emergent herbicide a must. (An exception is Fescue lawns, which can be harmed by the treatment.)

How to Defend Your Turf

- **Minimize Bare Spots:** Bare soil is an invitation to weeds. Seed bare spots in the lawn, and mulch trees, shrubs, and gardens.
- **Use the Right Weed Controls:** Arbor-Nomics can apply the right herbicides to tackle your weeds without damaging your lawn.

Would You Like Silver or Gold?



Atlanta winters are a paradox for ornamental trees and shrubs. The season is harsh enough to bring damaging ice storms, yet too mild to kill off harmful bugs and fungi. And once spring arrives, they are poised to wreak havoc on your cherished ornamentals.

Our Gold program provides year-round protection against these pests to keep ornamental trees and shrubs healthy and strong. These services can also be added to the Silver program. Call us to learn which program is right for you.

March/April Care Application #2 for all programs.

Please note: Occasionally, we may modify the contents or timing of our treatments due to weather.

Lawn Treatments

Weed Control

Your lawn was treated with both a pre-emergent to prevent crabgrass and many other grassy weeds and a post-emergent that will kill off existing broadleaf weeds over the next two weeks.

Fertilization

Our Arbor-Nomics Special Blend fertilizer nourishes turf during the growing season.

Fungus Control (if included in your program)

We applied a fungicide to help prevent brown patch and dollar spot, two common fungal diseases.

Pest Control (if included in your program)

We sprayed a protective barrier of our Outdoor Pest Control around your yard and in key breeding areas, such as ground cover, to control ants, fleas, ticks, and spiders.

Aeration (if included in your program)

Aeration for lawns with warm-season grasses will be done during April and May.

Ornamental Tree & Shrub Treatments

Fungus & Insect Controls (if included in your program)

We applied a fungicide to help prevent leaf spot, powdery mildew, and other fungal diseases, plus an insecticide to control aphids, lace bugs, and leafhoppers.

What You Need To Do Until Our Next Visit

Schedule Your Lawn Aeration.

Bermuda, Zoysia, and other warm-season grasses should be aerated each spring. If aeration is not a part of your program, you can purchase it as an add-on service. Call us for a FREE estimate soon – we only aerate in April and May.

Don't Mow Too Short.

Avoid removing more than one-third of grass blades in a single cutting. And leave the clippings on the lawn so they can break down and add nutrients to the soil. It's okay to mow after we treat as long as the grass is dry to the touch.

Water Regularly

Between rain and irrigation, your lawn needs an inch of water each week. When watering, aim for early morning or late afternoon to minimize evaporation.

Questions about our service or your yard? Call Customer Service at 770.447.6037, Monday – Friday, 8 am – 5 pm. After hours, leave a message and we'll get back to you the next business day. Or email us at info@arbor-nomics.com.

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Bare in Mind

by Josh Bare

With winter behind us, it's time to embrace the great outdoors again. For lots of folks, that includes gardening or enjoying the results of someone else's green thumb. Being a part of the green industry, my wife Amanda and I are fans of both. In fact, we like to combine this interest with another passion, traveling.

Amanda has a dog-eared book on must-see gardens across the US. It's our faithful travel companion, guiding us to stops to make along the way and side trips to take after we've reached our destination. I thought I'd share a few favorites from over the years.

If you're in the Nashville area, I recommend visiting Andrew Jackson's Hermitage, the home of our seventh president. Amanda and I both felt there was a special tranquility about the gardens and grounds, the layout inviting you to stroll in quiet contemplation. It seems fitting that the president and his wife chose to be entombed there. The mansion and entire estate are worth touring as well. I'm a bit of a history



Andrew Jackson's Hermitage

buff, and there is plenty of history to take in at the Hermitage.

Next up is Longwood Gardens, in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania. The site was once under the care of Pierre S. du Pont, who, in addition to being a prominent entrepreneur and philanthropist, had an undeniable fascination with fountains. I've never seen gardens with so many amazing waterworks – or with such an incredible lily pond. The Victoria water lilies are ginormous! The leaves are about eight feet across and can support a small child. And then there are the cats that call the gardens home, which just adds another layer of charm to Longwood.



Fort Worth Botanic Garden

While on a road trip to Albuquerque, my dad, my two eldest kids, and I made a stop in Texas to visit the Fort Worth Botanic Garden. Like its home state, it's big – and really beautiful. We were especially drawn to the Japanese Garden, complete with a gorgeous koi pond. (Kids will enjoy getting koi food from the bubblegum-style vending



Longwood Gardens

machines and feeding the fish.) I can still picture great bald cypress knees coming up out of the water in places and lots of carefully manicured paths to meander along. I'd like to get back there one day with Amanda.

Closer to home, you can't go wrong with a visit to the Atlanta Botanical Garden, Gibbs Gardens in Ball Ground, or the State Botanical Garden in Athens. Speaking of Athens, the trial gardens right in the middle of the UGA campus are also worth seeing.

Hopefully, this year won't be as weird and unpredictable as the past couple have been, and you and your family are free to embark on exciting adventures. If there are any special gardens you come across in your travels, I'd love to hear about them.

Please let me know any thoughts you might have about this article. I can be reached at 678.313.4568 or Josh@Arbor-Nomics.com.