

## LAWN TREATMENT NO. 4

#### **SERVICE RECAP**

#### WEED CONTROL

Our seasonal treatment helps keep weedy rivals off your playing field.

#### **FERTILIZATION**

It's grow time and our Special Blend fertilizer gives your lawn the nutrients it needs.

#### PEST CONTROL

add-on service

Our pesticide protects your lawn and furry mascots from fire ants, fleas, spiders, and ticks.

#### DISEASE CONTROL

add-on service

Thanks to our fungicide treatments, brown patch and dollar spot get no playing time.

#### ORNAMENTAL TREE & SHRUB TREATMENTS

add-on service

Insecticide helps keep aphids, caterpillars, Japanese beetles, lace bugs, and spider mites off your leaves and on the bench. Fungicide treatments shield shrubs and trees from powdery mildew and leaf spot.

#### WHAT YOU GNEED TO GNOW

PRACTICE PROPER HYDRATION – Give your thirsty lawn an inch of water every week – roughly 20 minutes of sprinkler time three times a week. If it's not raining, the best times to water are before 10 am or around 4 pm.

**TALLER FESCUE FLOURISHES** – Raise your mower blade to trim fescue lawns at 3.5 to 4 inches in length. This keeps soil temps cooler for this coolseason grass.

**SCOUT YOUR LAWN WEEKLY** – Check your lawn, trees, and shrubs for discolored patches or signs of insect damage and call us if you notice any. We've got the playbook to thwart unwelcome visiting teams.

**MULCH FOR MAXIMUM MOISTURE** – A 3-inch layer of mulch around shrubs helps them retain moisture during Atlanta's summer heat.

#### **PUNT THE PESTS AND PATCHES**

Look for these signs of pesky insects and diseases looking to invade your home turf:

**APHIDS** – The downside – aphids snack on flowers, leaves, and stems. The upside – they're snacks for beneficial insects like ladybugs.

**ARMYWORMS** - They eat up lawns and leaves, causing bare patches and birds to flock for an armyworm buffet.

**FIRE ANTS** – Their mounds are a blight on yards, their bites agonize ankles, and some DIY treatments may damage your soil.

**GRUBS** – Like armyworms, grubs feed on grass and birds feed on them. They may also be a cause of bald patches.

**BROWN PATCH** – This fungus spreads fast, leaving behind symmetrical patches of straw-colored, dead grass.

**DOLLAR SPOT** – Small, circular tan or silver patches in grass that can grow to several feet in diameter.

**PYTHIUM BLIGHT** – Greasy-looking, orange or gray patches can grow to over a foot in diameter and lead to shriveled, light brown grass.

Let us know if you notice any problematic signs of insect or disease damage.

GO FOR THE GOLD

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Upgrade plans today and get tree & shrub care and pest control treatments to take your lawn to the next level.



#### 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**.



# BARE IN MIND

**BY JOSH BARE** 

When was the last time you perused a newspaper from the 1800s? Or flipped through a magazine for military members serving on aircraft carriers? Have you ever read a book about whether or not freedom of speech is truly possible? Where would you even find these disparate reading materials in one place?

Ever since I finished school, I just haven't frequented libraries that much – if at all. I have books and magazines to read at home. And with all the information online available from the comfort of my home, the library just felt a little redundant.

But that opinion changed once our kids learned to read. Now, our whole family loves books. My kids have even learned that they can get books shipped to our Gwinnett County Library branch and get notifications when they've arrived. Lucky for us, a brand-new library was built within a short walk from our house, so the kids can head over on their own to pick up their book orders. Occasionally my wife Amanda and I will stop in to read the periodicals when we're out on a walk – the library has evening hours on certain days which is a really convenient feature.

Amanda and I were recently in Athens, Georgia wandering around the UGA campus, and decided to pop in the library for a visit. We just walked right in – there was no requirement to be a card-carrying student. Although we both attended UGA, I doubt

we'd have much luck finding our student IDs this many years on! We walked up to the second floor and spent some time meandering around and browsing. The Main Library at UGA has seven floors, plus a basement and sub- basement. According to the American Library Association, it's the 43rd largest library in the United States with 4,810,192 volumes held. It's huge and we were amazed by how many books they have on any certain topic.

The library's music section alone was very expansive, featuring rows and rows of arrangements – I'm assuming maintained by students and staff over the years. We walked through one section containing a multitude of books about various wars and another with tons of books about the US government. At the back of the second floor, there's a large section of periodicals in several different languages – there were several magazines based on topics I had no idea were popular enough to warrant their own publication!

We spent about an hour in the UGA library and never left the 2nd floor! It was an enjoyable adventure and we felt mentally enriched afterwards. For myself, I think it's way too easy to just read the news and easy stuff. But after that trip, I resolved to pick up a good old-fashioned book a bit more often. Now, all I need is to find a quiet place to read in the house!

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**.

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