

BUGS

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SERVICE RECAP

WEED CONTROL

Weed-free is the way to be. We're helping by treating dandelions and broadleaf weeds. But be on the lookout for wild violets and Virginia buttonweeds, as these woeful weeds require a specific herbicide. Call for a free estimate if you spot any.

FERTILIZATION

Welcome to no-fuss fertilization. Our special-blend fertilizer gives warm-season Zoysia and Bermuda lawns a needed nutrient boost to prep for spring.

DISEASE CONTROL

add-on service

We're taking care of brown patch and dollar spot, so you won't be troubled by these troublesome lawn diseases.

ORNAMENTAL TREE & SHRUB TREATMENTS

add-on service

Pests may begin to pester your trees and shrubs this time of year. We're treating for aphids, lace bugs, and leafhoppers, as well as fungal issues like powdery mildew and leaf spot.

OUTDOOR PEST & MOSQUITO CONTROL

add-on service

Nobody wants to be bugged by bugs. We're treating lawns to tamp down fire ants, fleas, ticks, and spiders. Customers on our mosquito plan get their third mosquito treatment.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: FINN'S HELPFUL HINTS

DON'T MOW TOO LOW

Raise your mower deck to trim only about one-third of your lawn's length to promote healthier growth.

SAY GOODBYE TO BAGGING

Leave grass clippings on your lawn after mowing – they'll recycle into your soil for an added nutrient boost.

WATER WISELY

Without rain, water in the early morning for about 20–30 minutes to help your lawn get an inch of water every week.

WATCH FOR SPOTS

Discolored, dead, or bare patches in your lawn could be signs of a fungal disease or infestation. Call us if you notice any issues.

GET YOUR LAWN SPRING- READY WITH AERATION

Your lawn's soil gets hard and compact during the winter. Spring aeration loosens the soil to help:

- Air, water, and nutrients reach your lawn's roots
- Root systems grow deeper and stronger
- Lawns grow thicker, fuller, and more weed-resistant



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AERATION BY
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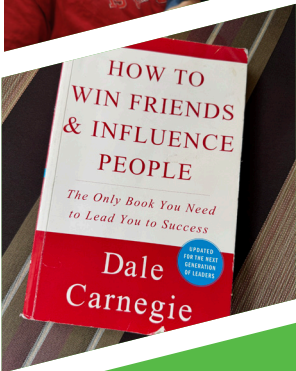
QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR SERVICE OR YOUR YARD?

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



I plan to get philosophical in this article. Most likely, I'll say something you disagree with. So, I'd like to begin by saying I always welcome comments – my email address is at the end. Maybe here's a good spot to include a well-meaning emoji: 😊.

With that out of the way, I heard a quote the other day that got my mind turning – “Unsolicited advice is usually received as criticism.”

After mulling it over, I don't think it's a new idea. Part of my challenge is that my clan – the Bares – is known for never shying away from offering their opinion. We like getting right to solutions. If you've never seen the “It's Not About the Nail” YouTube – I recommend taking two minutes to watch it (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-4EDhdAHR0g>). Maybe my family struggles with listening!

At lunch with a friend the other day, we discussed family members who are quick to give unsolicited advice. During our talk, though, I realized I do the same thing. Most of the time, I try to be intentional about keeping my thoughts to myself, but they still dart right out of my mouth. My friend shared how his wife wanted to offer their daughter-in-law some parenting advice on their first child. You know how it is with the first child – a brave new world where the parents are determined to get it right. Anyway, as my friend discussed his wife's unsolicited advice, he said she had an epiphany that maybe her “help” came across the wrong way.

I think we do it out of love and respect, not wanting to see someone go through similar troubles we've experienced. I always appreciate it when someone lets me know I've left my fly open, or there's food on my face, or worse – something's hanging out of my nose. The truth may sting a bit, but I'm glad

they didn't let me go any further in life unknowingly embarrassing myself.

But where is the line? I guess it comes down to the relationship you have with someone. How much trust have you built? Do they believe you have their best interests at heart? When you dig deep and examine your motives, are you offering advice or persuading them to accept the decisions and lifestyles you've chosen? I think it's helpful to ask yourself – “If I said nothing what is the worst that could occur?” There are many ways to get the same result, and we can't all be experts.

If we're not giving commentary on what someone else is saying, then how do we respond? One of my favorite books is Dale Carnegie's “How to Win Friends and Influence People.” He says it's best to ask open-ended questions, be a good listener, and offer positive comments and praise. The trick is to avoid being condescending by disguising a jab with passive-aggressive compliments.

I want to thank you for investing a couple of minutes in reading my opinions on how to get through life better. If you have any wisdom to share on giving or receiving unsolicited advice, I'd love to hear it! Drop me a line at josh@arbor-nomics.com.

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