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Signs That Your Lawn Needs Help

What your lawn needs, and how to tell...

Although it is recommended that your lawn receives regular power raking, aeration and fertilizing, we've compiled a list of situations in which you can visibly tell that your lawn is in dire need of these services.

Signs that the lawn needs aeration:

The lawn is thinning – If you have had no new sources of shade or changes to your watering schedule, a thinning lawn is an obvious sign of soil compaction. Aeration may be needed to relieve that compaction.

Lawn fertilizer doesn't seem to be doing much good anymore – Highly compacted soil blocks the nutrients that fertilizer provides the root system of grass. No matter how much you water fertilizer in, it can never fully penetrate that thick soil. This is another clear sign of extreme compaction.

More water runoff than usual – Compacted soil cannot absorb as much water as soil that is able to 'breathe' easily. If the lawn seems to have an excessive amount of runoff without increased rain or watering, you should consider aeration.

Signs that the lawn needs power raking:

The lawn is looking 'sluggish' – Although this is a sign of many possible problems, a big factor can be excessive thatch. Thatch can be a benefit for lawns, however, excessive thatch that reaches more than 1/2 an inch can become a problem. This can keep water and sunlight from getting to the surface and, even worse, the lawns root system causing that 'sluggish' look of the lawn.

As the lawn starts greening, you're noticing some constant yellow/brown areas throughout – That discoloration may be thatch. When you have too much of it, it is obvious in the color of the lawn. Removing the excess can get that

lawn back to its normal green color.

Signs that the lawn needs fertilizing:

The lawn is not greening up when it should –

Albuquerque soils generally lack the nutrients that a lawn needs to survive. Fertilizer puts those nutrients into the soil and allows the lawn to grow as it should. If you're noticing your lawn is slow to turn that 'spring green' color, it's a good indication that fertilizer is needed.

The lawn should have growth but it's staying real short – Again, a lack of nutrients causes this. If you have no problems with your irrigation system then the lack of growth is most likely due to a need for Nitrogen. Using fertilizer will make up for the lack of Nitrogen.

There is more crabgrass than there is grass – This is a common occurrence in Albuquerque during the spring lawn rejuvenation period. With the combination of birds coming out and spreading crabgrass seed and the periodic winds carrying the seed with it, many lawns will experience this problem. Using fertilizer with Pre-emergent will stop future seeds from germinating in the lawn. As for the existing crabgrass, a Post-emergent will be needed.

These are just a few of the signs that your lawn needs a little help. If you notice something that is not listed here going on with your lawn and you need help diagnosing it, call us at 836-4000 and we would be happy to help you. Keep in mind that Aeration, Power Raking and Fertilizing are all services we offer, so call us today to get on our schedule.



March 'To-Do' List



The weather is getting warmer and warmer. That means we are getting close to planting season and green, green lawns. In preparation for the spring, there are a few items you want to take care of. The March Albuquerque 'in like a lion, out like a lamb' winds may make it a challenge for you some days, but just keep an eye on the weather and take care of this list on the calm days.

watering and skip the windy days. It's best to water after a windy day to replace the moisture the wind has removed. This means you may occasionally need to add an extra watering day if we experience high winds and you still have most of the week before the next scheduled watering.

Finish pruning fruit trees and summer flowering shrubs. Fertilize trees and shrubs this month, especially when you see any new leaves appearing.

For those with roses, don't jump the gun on their pruning! We are still facing frosts at night and any pruning can promote new growth that will be damaged in the frost. Your target dates for pruning roses in Albuquerque are March 31st-April 15th. You can prune a bit later but definitely not before those dates.

As for plantings, balled and burlaped trees can go in the ground now, as well as some bedding plants. Pansies, snapdragons, dianthus and carnations can go in those flower beds. Make sure to add some compost and turn it in to the flower beds first to put some nutrients back in the soil before planting.

We are happy to take care of this list for you. Call Quality Lawn Care to get a free estimate on these and more services today at 836-4000. Keep in mind that this is our busy season, so the sooner you call, the sooner we can get to you.

Cleanliness is a must! All those leaves you may have left for mulch on your plants and shrubs need to be cleaned out and be disposed of. As the temps rise, so does the possibility of insects and disease, so get rid of any possible habitats. Just as well, any debris that blows into the yard needs to be disposed of in a timely fashion.

When it comes to the lawns, aeration and power raking is key for the start of a healthy lawn. The ground is thawing which will allow for a great plug to be taken during aeration. Be sure to water deeply about 2 days before the aeration to help the aerator penetrate the soil easily. When power raking and aeration is done, follow up with a pre-emergent fertilizer application. This will help deter weeds and strengthen your lawn.

Lawn watering should be set to 1 day per week this month, but make sure to check the weather before

Don't water on WINDY days!

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Check Out Our March Plant Specials



This month we are giving 20% off some beautiful trees and shrubs this month. It's finally warming up so let's get planting! Check out our website at www.QualityLawnCareABQ.com or scan the QR code to the right. You can also call our office at 836-4000 to ask about our discounted trees and shrubs this month.



QLC's Seasonal Checklist

Spring is almost here! With the changing of the seasons, we would like to bring you our Seasonal Checklist of services. If you have not received one of these from us in the past, we urge you to cut this one out and put it on the fridge in order to remember what needs to be done in every season. We have found that this checklist makes our customers life's a little easier while keeping them informed of the right time to do yard maintenance items. For a FREE large refrigerator magnet version, call our office at 836-4000. Enjoy and here's to a great looking yard all year long!



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Task/Service	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Pruning of all ornamental plants/plant material	✓		✓	✓
Mowing and edging of lawns	✓	✓	✓	
Lawn aeration	✓		✓	
Lawn power raking	✓			
Insect and disease control	✓	✓	✓	✓
Weed control (chemical or hand weeding)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fertilization of lawns, trees and/or shrubs	✓	✓	✓	
Seasonal color (bulbs, bedding plants)	✓		✓	
Trimming/pruning of trees and/or shrubs <small>Note: Winter for fruit trees and evergreens</small>	✓		✓	✓
Irrigation system set and maintain	✓	✓	✓	
Regular yard cleanup	✓	✓	✓	✓
Leaf cleanup/removal			✓	✓



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One medium green chile has as much vitamin C as 6 oranges.

There are over 7500 varieties of apples grown around the world; 2500 of them are grown in the U.S.

Macadamia nuts are not sold in their shells because it takes 300 pounds per square inch of pressure to break the shell.

The Ancient Greek women made a type of cheek blush by painting their cheeks with herbal pastes which was made out of crushed berries and seeds.



March Specials



\$10 OFF Lawn Fertilizing

~With Aeration Service~

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Not valid with any other offers.

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10% OFF Weed Applications

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A letter to our customers

March is one of our favorite months of the year. We love seeing yards start to green up as temperatures begin to rise. It is also the first month that we start to get really, really busy, so don't wait to call and book your aeration, power raking, fertilizing, cleanups, etc. We look forward to servicing you and getting your yard ready for the growing season.

Thank you all so much for your business and your support!

-Your Q.L.C. Staff

“Give Your Yard Some QLC” A full service lawn and landscape company

Landscaping

Xeriscaping

Irrigation

Mowing

Trimming /Pruning

Fertilization and weed control

Tree and Shrub spraying

Power raking/Aeration

Seasonal Cleanup

Yearly maintenance contracts

Seeding/Sodding

Pond cleanouts

Water features

Flagstone

Paver patios and walkways

Garden preparation/ Rototilling

Stump removal

Design, consulting & diagnostics



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