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A Festival of Fall Colors

Mike, The Homeowner, Learns about fall yard services

With a fresh cup of coffee in my hand, I stepped outside and welcomed nature's fresh October

I was enjoying the spectacular fall colors of October as they gave way to leafless trees ready to face the cold winter months ahead. I observe nature's transformation all around me: cooler morning temperatures, leaves changing color and shorter days welcoming the approaching winter season. As I enjoyed

the scenery around me, I thought about my yard and any changes that I would have to do to accommodate the fall season and the upcoming winter.

My knowledge in lawn/yard care isn't that great, but I knew I could turn to my friends over at Quality Lawn Care to give me yard care advice. When I called QLC, the office manager was very helpful in answering all of my questions. I

told him that I have some small trees and shrubs in my yard along with a good-size lawn. He was familiar with my property and recommended some services for the fall. He explained that because of the fall season's shorter days and lower temperatures leaves start to drop rapidly and lawns begin to go dormant. Because of this he recommended that I apply a high nitrogen winter fertilizer to help keep my lawn healthy over the



winter months and ready to grow when spring arrives. Since I have cool season grass, it will continue to grow making it necessary to continue mowing, but the mowing intervals should become longer as we get closer to winter. He also recommended that it was an optimal time to aerate my lawn if I hadn't done so already. This is necessary to decrease compaction and prepare my lawn for winterizing. He also suggested that now would be a great

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October 'To-Do' List

This month is a busy one for the yard. The changing of the seasons always brings with it a hefty 'to-do' list.



- As those trees start to change colors and drop leaves, they are going to need some attention.
- First off, before leaves really drop, it's a great time to do some pruning. With the leaves still up, it's much easier to spot the deadwood.
- The same rules apply for deciduous shrubs as well. Pruning those shrubs now will allow them to have a nice and tidy shape for winter dormancy.
- If you are considering doing any planting

of new trees and shrubs, now is a great time to do it. Putting in new trees and/or shrubs just before dormancy will help to establish the roots before the ground freezes.

- Lawns should be kept groomed and clean of thatch (a quarter to half inch of thatch is acceptable).
- Fertilize with a high nitrogen fertilizer to give the lawn nutrients throughout its upcoming dormancy.

- As always, make sure to keep up with those weeds in the lawn. As the lawns' dormancy stage approaches, you'll want to make sure any chance of weeds leaving behind seed is nipped in the bud (no pun intended). Those left over weed seeds will make life difficult come springtime when the first fertilizer application is put down.
- Now is the time to plant spring flowering bulbs such as hyacinth, daffodils, anemone, crocus, and tulips. They should be planted after the ground temperature drops below 60 degrees.
- Take some cuttings from the outdoor perennials to start rooting in indoor containers over the winter.
- Aeration should be done this month if it has not been done already.



- Pumpkins, bell peppers (before the frost) and gourds will be ready for harvesting this month, just in time to decorate the yard.

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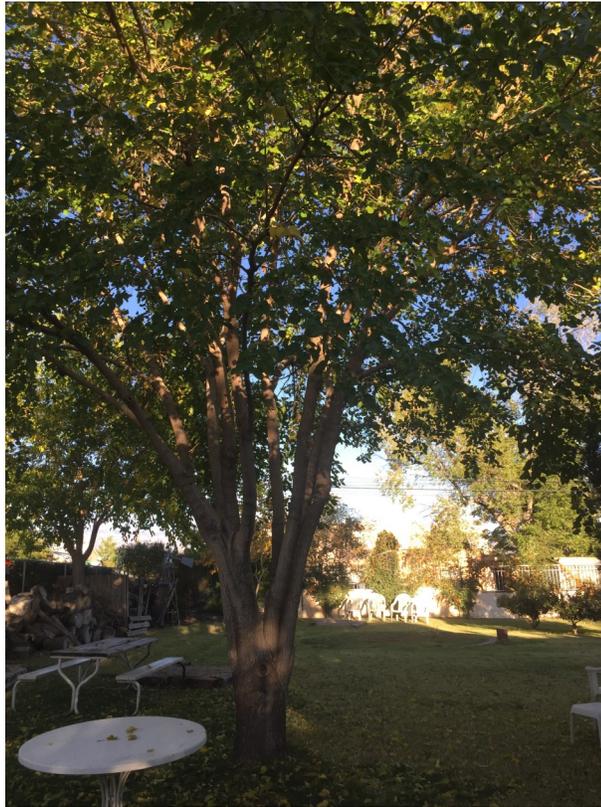
All of our newsletter articles are archived on our blog site:

<http://albuquerqueyardandgarden.com/>

You can find our monthly 'To Do' Lists, specific articles about landscaping and yard maintenance. There is a search button where you can look for articles about trimming, planting, watering, treating for pests and weed control.

Fall Services cont.d

time to plant trees, shrubs and spring flowering bulbs such as daffodils, anemones and tulips. Planting at this time will help the roots establish themselves before the winter freeze and it will provide good color to my yard come spring time. Removing deadwood from trees and shrubs should be done before the leaves start dropping. Doing this now prevents shock and helps the trees and shrubs to recover before the spring. Not only did Quality Lawn Care answer my questions, but they also provided me with some great helpful tips for the upcoming seasons. I'm on their schedule to take care of these services. Their schedule fills up fast in the fall. I recommend you call them to schedule your services right away at 836-4000.



QLC Yard Services:

- Mowing*
- Trimming*
- Pruning*
- Fertilization & weed control*
- Tree and Shrub spraying*
- Power raking*
- Aeration*
- Fall Cleanup*

QLC Landscape Services:

- Seeding/Sodding*
- Pond cleanouts*
- Garden Preparation*
- Rototilling*
- Stump removal*
- Flower planting*
- Call us at 836-4000**

Some Facts About the October:

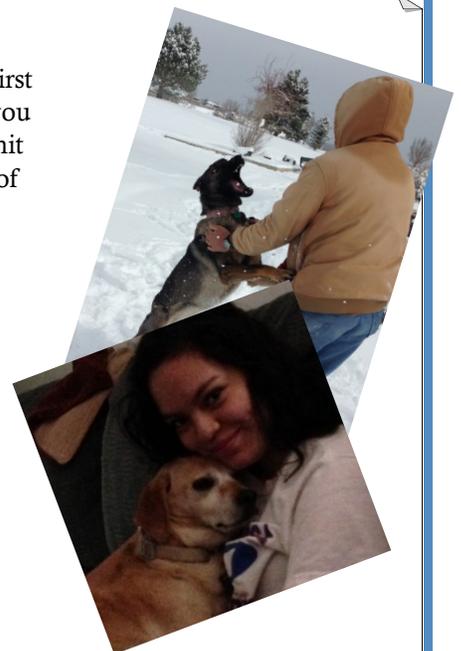
October is generally know as the month of haunts, scare, ghosts, fall color and the first frost of the year settling in. There's more to the month than that, A lot more! Did you know October is National Chili Month? Really! A nice big bowl of chili might just hit the spot while you are watching your favorite football team play. There are plenty of places to find recipes for making chili, or perhaps you have one that's an old family tradition.

October is also the month where more U.S. Presidents have been born than any other month.

It is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a great time to pay tribute to those who have survived this terrible illness.

Celebrate October by adopting a pet because it is Adopt a Shelter Dog Month. At

least 12 million dogs go to shelters each year. About half of them are euthanized. Adopt a dog and gain a friend. The owners at Quality Lawn Care adopted 2, Reyna in the top photo and Darla, shown with daughter Vanessa below. Jackie, our other daughter and who also works in accounts receivables, nursed her precious Bebe (on the left) back to health and adopted her as well.





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Newsletter written by Jesse Long and
Vivian Hairston

A Note from Owners: Robert and Vivian

It finally happened, Viv got her Executive MBA! It's been a long 2 years, but well worth the time and effort. There are so many lessons learned and we are fired up and ready to put some new things into place. Thank you as always for your faithfulness and loyalty to Quality Lawn Care. It is your constant support that encourages us, sustains us and helps us want to do better, be better and serve you with outstanding customer service. Our dedicated employees are proud of what they do for you everyday. We appreciate their dedication and their willingness to learn about the industry with our weekly trainings so they can serve you better. If you have any questions about your yard, feel free to call and talk to our office staff. We are happy to help in any way we can.



In this issue we offer some tips for October and see what challenges Mike the homeowner is facing this fall. We finish up with some fun October facts and tidbits. As an added bonus we share pictures of our favorite pals.

Blessings! *Rob and Viv*