

PREP YOUR YARD for **NEXT SPRING** THIS FALL

Not many people think to prepare their lawn for next spring already during this autumn. But if you take these simple steps it can make all the difference in your yard's appearance next year.

1 Aerate the lawn

Aerating your lawn helps it to grow deeper and become stronger by allowing air, water, and nutrients to reach down into the grass roots. If you have a small lawn, use a garden fork. If you have a large lawn, use a walk-behind aerator.

2 Fertilize the grass

Your grass continues to grow until the ground reaches a temperature of about 40 degrees F. To encourage earlier growth in the spring, apply a high-phosphorous fertilizer mix.

3 Last Cut of The Season

Trim your lawn down to 1 1/4 inches the last cut of the season. This makes raking easier, and less likely for lawn diseases to spread through the shorter grass.

4 Rake the Leaves

Rake the leaves into a pile on a large tarp for easier transport. If you're feeling ambitious, put them into a compost pile and flip the pile every week. You can use this next season to nourish your lawn, garden, and flowerbeds.

5 Mulch Young Plants

Apply a new layer of mulch after the first light frost, but before the ground freezes. This keeps plants warm and controls water runoff and soil erosion.

6 Plant New Shrubs

Planting new shrubs in early fall gives them a head start in establishing roots. Plan your shrub locations carefully - Earthscape is more than happy to help!

7 Plant New Trees

Again, Fall is the perfect time to plant a new tree. Its roots can take hold easier in the cool, moist climate of the soil. Earthscape has a wide selection of trees available and can even plant them for you!

8 Build the Patio You've been Dreaming Of

There's no better way to get a head start on the yard of your dreams than to build in the fall. Earthscape designs and creates your dream project no matter how big or small your needs.

By taking these easy steps before the end of Fall your lawn will be set to go come Spring. It's surprising how well some of these tips work, and we guarantee that you will see a difference in your lawn. Remember to call Earthscape for any of your lawn and landscaping needs.

