



Ray Smith & Associates, Inc.

Summer Outdoor Checklist

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Summer officially arrives in just a few days, and Independence Day is just around the corner. We wanted to provide you with a "checklist" of items to consider to make your entire summer and all events safe and enjoyable. As always, if I or my team can be of any assistance at all, feel free to contact us anytime.

Ray Smith
CEO

INTRODUCING PRE-PARTY MOSQUITO SPRAYING



Effective Mosquito & Tick Control plans are absolutely mandatory if you plan to spend any time entertaining outdoors. Everyone has been to cookouts or outdoor get-togethers where mosquitoes literally take over. This is an application to aid in the reduction of adult mosquitoes. This is a reduction application and cannot eliminate every insect. Scheduling should be done 1 week prior

to any party.

1-2 days before the party we will spray the perimeter of your property, tall grasses, shrubs, and lawn. By doing this we will minimize the adult mosquito & tick population on your property making for maximum comfort & safety for you and your guests. Not only does this organic botanical treatment control ticks & mosquitoes, but it smells good too!



Our signature **SUMMER SPRINKLER CHECK & FIX**



- Turn on and check controller and valves for proper operation.
- Check and adjust sprinkler heads for proper coverage and water distribution. It will help for the entire sprinkler system to use water more efficiently.
- Re-set controller for proper seasonal watering schedule. It will save you money by reducing your water bill while keeping your lawn & landscape greener & healthier.
- Any necessary repairs are brought to your attention.

GET YOUR FEET WET--Without the investment or space needed for a larger water feature!



We are pleased to introduce three new water features that are beautiful, affordable and which we can install in a day or less. These will fit into any landscape, big or small. (The Basalt & Micropondless are pictured.)

The MONGOLIAN BASALT Fountainscape® can add the sights and sounds of water to your landscape. MICROPONDLESS™ WATERFALL with STREAM is simply a small re-circulating waterfall and stream without the presence of a pond. You can

enjoy the sight and sound of running water without the maintenance of a pond.

The MICROPOND® is a small pond that includes a balance of aeration, filtration, plants, fish, rock and gravel.



PRIVACY SCREENING



Looking for a little more privacy from the neighbors? Need to block out unwanted noise? Forget unsightly fences! We select & plant the best privacy screen trees available. Instantly block out the neighbors, increase your property value, and benefit the environment all in one step. Call now; it's not too late to get screening done before the Holiday.

Want some more 'instant' color? Consider planting some additional flowering annuals.

MANAGE WAYWARD TREE GROWTH- Repair or prevent damage and ensure safety.



Pruning for safety reasons should be done now! Broken, ragged branches are vulnerable to various insects and diseases. Branches that are dying, dead, or diseased should also be removed as soon as possible to prevent the disease from spreading and the branch from falling on its own. Any tree can occasionally produce branches that brush against the house, hang too low over a pathway patio or pool, or block a view. Trees growing over your

house or other structures should be inspected annually for signs of decay so that threatening limbs can be removed. It's a great time for thinning your trees (selectively removing branches to allow ambient light and wind to penetrate the tree). Effective pruning will keep trees healthy, attractive and free from danger.

MOLE & VOLE CONTROL



You may want a great-looking lawn, but your mole and vole neighbors may have other ideas altogether. If you want to have things your way, then you need to stop the moles and voles. Mole and vole tunnels also present a tripping hazard. A positive identification is the first step, as moles and voles look rather similar to the untrained eye. We have effective baiting and trapping programs to reduce these rodent pests.

KEEP YOUR LAWN IN TIP-TOP SHAPE



Weed control - combined with regular fertilization, proper mowing and correct watering practices - will keep the grass thriving while the weeds disappear. We can control pervasive weeds now before the temperatures soar. Control products used are tested and approved by the EPA and are applied by licensed, trained professionals. Our equipment is calibrated to apply the minimum amount of product to eliminate weeds.

MAINTAINING YOUR FLOWER BEDS



Mulching your beds reduces weeds and makes them look orderly and decorative. Weeding is a necessary evil, but mulching cuts down on that maintenance task, but regular hand-weeding will also help keep your beds in tip-top shape.

Perennial care: "Deadheading" and cutting dead leaves can encourage multiple blooms and make your flower beds look neater. "De-budding" will result in fewer but larger flowers.

Summer's a great time for all those outdoor parties, but not when your plants are wilting & your flowers have stopped blooming. Green up quick with our "party spray," better known as PHC BioPak Plus 3-0-20, a dry, water soluble micronutrient treatment that relieves stress. The product's beneficial bacteria improve soil fertility without stimulating excessive top growth. BioPak Plus also contains humic acid and sea kelp to add organics and improve soil structure and health.

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