

YARD-NIQUE, INC.

Diversified Services

Summer 2016

Maintenance Program

July

- Applied herbicide to turf as needed. Pre-emergent herbicide is breaking down so more weeds are becoming apparent.
- Performed irrigation inspections and recommended repairs
- Mowed turf as weather permits. (As temperatures go up, fescue can go into dormancy)
- Continued weekly bed and hardscaping weed control.
- Continued shrub pruning.
- Applied fertilizer to warm season turf. (bermuda/zoysia)
- Provided proposals for Fescue turf renovations ahead of aerating and overseeding.

August

- Continue mowing turf as weather permits.
- Prepare for aeration and seeding.
(Fescue turf properties only)
- Continue weekly bed and hardscaping weed control.

September

- Begin aeration and seeding program for fescue turf.
- Apply winter pre-emergent to warm season turf.
(Bermuda/zoysia)
- Continue weekly bed and hardscaping weed control.
- Apply starter fertilizer to Fescue at time of seeding.
- Preparing for fall leaf removal.
- Completing fall plant replacement lists.
- Begin discussing areas for winter rejuvenation pruning.



Yard-Nique was recently named in Landscape Management's June 2016 issue of Top 150 landscape companies in the country based on revenue in 2015 (landscapemanagement.net/lm150-2016-rankings). We ranked 14th in the Southeast, and 62nd overall in the US. Yard-Nique was also named the 20th largest in Landscape Design/Build & Installation. As we are truly honored to be among the other companies on this list, we cannot go on without giving a big thanks to our staff, and our vendors, customers, and clientele like yourself. Without you, Yard-Nique would not be where it is today, and for that we are truly grateful. Thank you again for letting us be your partner and giving us the opportunity to be your landscape management company.



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Plants that repel Mosquitos

You may remember this topic from an earlier issue of our newsletter, but with all the interest in the news regarding the Zika virus, and people being more cautious of mosquitos than ever, we felt it would be good to explore this topic again. The following is a list of plants that are great at repelling mosquitos. Plant them in containers and pots adjacent to sitting and entertaining areas, and they will help deter the little buggers from crashing the party.



- Citronella- A common ingredient in mosquito repellents, it's also a showy perennial grass.
- Catnip- Not only will your cats love it, but some researchers found it is 10 times more effective than DEET.
- Marigolds- A showy flower that mosquitos hate. Also great to use as a boarder of a veggio garden to keep other critters at bay.
- Basil- Another multi-use plant. Great little herb for cooking and keeping away those hungry bugs.
- Lavender- Great smelling, great looking, and keeps away mosquitos... definitely a must have for your garden.
- Peppermint- A nice little herb that keeps most bugs away, and is also a great addition to food and beverages.
- Rosemary- You may use it for cooking, but did you know it is a natural mosquito repellent? Plant some in your flower beds to also deter deer and attract butterflies.
- Geranium- Find the Citrosa geranium, also called mosquito plant, and use this gorgeous little plant to help ward off these pests.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

To help our readers get to know our staff a little better, we wanted to start doing an employee spotlight where we focus on one member of the team and ask him/her some questions that will give a little more insight to who they are on a more personal level. On this edition, we asked our newest CSM, Jason Counter, if he would be our first interview.

Q- What brought you into the landscaping profession?

A- The love of being outdoors and the people in the industry.

Q- What is the most rewarding part of your job?

A- Being a part of others' learning and growing in their careers.

Q- What is one accomplishment you are most proud of?

A- Raising my daughters and seeing them make great decisions in life.

Q- What is one item on your bucket list?

A- To go on a 4 wheeling trip to Moab, Utah.

Q- If you could have dinner with any one person, from the past or present, who would it be and why?

A- My maternal Grandfather. I never got to meet him but my family has told me that we have a lot in common.



Homeowner Tip: Applying Mulch

Now is the time you should be thinking about mulching your landscape. Not only does applying fresh mulch to your trees and shrub beds increase aesthetic appeal in your landscape, but it is also very beneficial to the plants, especially this time of year

Reasons to Mulch

- Moisture retention in the soil
- Suppresses weed growth
- Helps regulate temperatures in the soil
- As some mulches breaks down, they adds organic matter and fertility to the soil
- Can improve soil aeration and drainage over time
- Can inhibit certain plant diseases

Dos and Don'ts

- We recommend applying a 2-3 inch layer evenly in your plant beds. Applying too much can lead to excess moisture in the soil, causing fungal issues and root rot.
- Make sure you keep the mulch away from the trunk or stem of trees and shrubs. Piling up mulch around the base of the plant makes it harder for the plant to "breathe", which will stress the plant and invite insect and disease issues.
- Be mindful of using certain mulches that might be harmful to some pets (ie- synthetic mulch, cocoa hulls)

Yard-Nique Cycling: Riding for a Cause

On September 10-11, the Yard-Nique Cycling team will be participating in its 12th Bike MS ride. We've formed a team for Bike MS because we wanted to experience a great ride and help the National MS Society fund research, advocate for change and help people with MS live their best lives. We believe in this cause. Can we count on your support?

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