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## 5 Tips for a Better Looking Landscape

There is no doubt that when landscaping one wants to save money, as well as have an attractive property. Not only can landscaping help you beautify your home, but it can also provide a source of satisfying exercise in the fresh air. When you take care of your yard on your own, it is possible to save money and to improve your physical conditioning.

But if the landscape turns out to look bad, then that is so much time and money wasted. However, it is possible to ensure a better-looking landscape by following a few tips that can help you take better care of your yard.

Know your soil type. Some plants thrive in soil with more acidity, and others prefer a little more alkali. Additionally, sandy soil and clay soil, as well as the presence of a loamy soil, can make a difference in what types of plants will thrive in a landscape. You should have your soil evaluated in order to determine what types of vegetation should be planted on your property.

When you purchase plants that will succeed in the soil conditions present in your yard, then you make a wiser money decision, and you end up with a more attractive landscape. If there are plants that you would like to use in your soil, but the soil is not quite ideal, it is possible to improve the soil to proper conditions.

You need only add mulch or peat, or to add crushed limestone or clamshells, depending upon what you hope to accomplish. As long as there is not a great difference in what you have and what you hope to achieve, it is possible to make soil adjustments to be more accommodating.

Understand how much space each of the plants need. There are some plants that require more room for their root systems than others. If you choose one plant that tends to grow everywhere, and you do not have adequate space, you will find that your other plants may be crowded out or that they may choke and die. Also, make sure you understand the spacing requirements for between plants. Many shrubs and small trees need to be planted at least three to four feet apart to have enough room to grow.

Use native plants in your landscape design. One of the most effective things you can do to ensure a good-looking yard is to make use of native plants. Find out what plants grow best in your area, and what plants are indigenous to the region. This way you will already be ahead, in that you know that the plants you choose are adapted to the climate. You will not have to struggle against natural inclinations to keep your landscape looking beautiful. If you due use non-native plants, assure yourself that they come from a place that shares a climate similar to the one in which you live.

Plan your landscape around different blooming times. Different plants bloom at various times throughout the year. If all of the plants in your landscape are at their most attractive all at the

same time, then your yard will look beautiful for a few weeks each year, but quite possible ugly the rest of the year. One way to help avoid this is to choose attractive bushes and shrubs that look good green, but also have some sort flower.

However, it is a good idea to stagger plants among each other. Plant tulips and crocus among later-blooming plants so that in early spring the bulbs bloom, and then when those flowers' time is up, the next plants will be in bloom. In this way the cycle of your landscape is in keeping with the seasons, and looks attractive all year round.

Use wood chips around shrubs, bushes and trees. Wood chips can help the ground around shrubs, bushes, and trees look more attractive. Not only do the chips cover the ground (often looking better than dirt), but they also help keep in moisture, repel weeds, and provide natural food as they break down. Likewise, attractive groundcover like chicks and hens placed around trees and shrubs can make the area more interesting and pleasing to the eye.

## **Climate Control: How Where You Live Dictates the Type of Grass in Your Lawn**

When deciding on the type of grass for your garden there are many things you need to consider. Depending on the amount of maintenance you are willing to do and what sort of activities you want your lawn area for, you will want to select a grass seed mix that meets your. You will also want to choose a mix that suits your climate because different grasses thrive in different climates. Here is an overview of some of the main types of grasses and which climates they are best suited to.

### **Bahia**

Bahia grass does well in humid heat climates. It is deeply rooted and quite tough and resistant. The texture of Bahia grass is a bit rough, but its heat and heavy rainfall resistance more than makes up for that.

### **Centipede**

This type of grass requires a warm climate and needs to be in sunny spots or partial shade. Centipede grass is tough and it can thrive with very little care in southern climates. Centipede can survive where other grasses have failed to take root.

### **Bentgrass**

Bentgrass can be a slightly challenging variety, but if you are up for that challenge then you will be rewarded with a lawn that looks and feels like carpeting. The texture of Bentgrass is quite fine and this type of grass requires a great deal of mowing to prevent it from becoming spongy. Bentgrass is suitable for small areas and homemade putting greens, but is not practical for an entire lawn.

## **Buffalo Grass**

Buffalo grass is native to the Great Plains and has only recently been used for home lawns. This grass is suited to a dry climate and has a high tolerance for cold and drought. It really doesn't require much maintenance and really needs less watering and fertilizing than most other varieties of grass.

## **Bluegrass**

Bluegrass does well in more moderate climates and it is best suited to heavy, well-drained soil. The color of Bluegrass is unmatched by other varieties, as is the texture. There are some types of Bluegrass that can grow in the shade, but most varieties require half a day of sunlight.

## **Perennial Ryegrass**

You can mix in Perennial Ryegrass with your bluegrass and fescue for improved resistance to wear and tear. It can also be used in warmer climates as a kind of winter grass if it is planted in the early fall. The Perennial Ryegrass will maintain its color throughout the winter and then will die in the heat of the summer just as the permanent grass comes to full life again. Perennial Ryegrass requires a great deal of direct sunlight to grow.

## **Fine Fescue**

Fine Fescue is not the kind of grass that can tolerate much wear and tear, but there are some benefits to this type of grass. This variety can grow in partial shade and can even grow in dry shade under a tree. Fine Fescues can survive in spots that are cold, dry and windy. Fine Fescues do well in cooler climates and can even survive brutal winter weather if they are well fed.

## **Tall Fescue**

Similar in some ways to Fine Fescue, the Tall Fescue grass variety is really adaptable and has become particularly popular in climates that have warm summers and mild winters. Tall Fescue grass can grow in partial shade and also does well beneath trees--particularly those that shed leaves every fall. If you fertilize correctly, Tall Fescue will reward you with a brilliant green color throughout most of the year.

## **Zoysia**

This type of grass is best suited to sunny and well-drained spaces. It does take a bit of time to establish itself so you will need to have a bit of patience if you choose to grow this type of grass from seed, rather than laying down sod. The texture of this grass is fine and looks luxurious, but all of that comes at a price. You will need to spend a lot of time caring for your grass and nurturing it along.

Picking the right type of grass for your climate will make all the difference. If you take some time now and research different grass types, you will save yourself a lot of time and hassle in the long run.

## **Low Maintenance Landscaping Chicago**

If you live in the Chicago area and you are interested in getting some landscaping, Chicago native plants are your best choices. If you choose native plants you will find that your garden or yard will be much easier to take care of as time wears on. At first working in the yard may not seem like a big deal but you may get sick of it when the bloom wears off the rose, no pun intended. This is normal, we start to take our yards for granted and it is not so much fun to work on the landscaping Chicago anymore.

You can even use these native plants to solve your drainage problems. Chicago, for instance has many problems when it comes to drainage. They get a lot of different weather there and it affects the gardens more than you might think. When you are landscaping, Chicago weather needs to be taken into consideration at all times. Talk to your landscaper about what plants will be best for your yard.

Don't skimp with your landscaping, Chicago residents will know you did it and that is never cool. Take your time and find the perfect plants to suit you and your goals. And mention to the landscaper if you notice that you have any drainage problems and perhaps he will be able to suggest some good landscaping Chicago native plants to use. Just make sure that you see a picture of any plant before you agree to use it. Who knows what you might get otherwise. Everyone's tastes are different and yours may be the polar opposite from the landscapers.

When trying to choose the right plants for landscaping Chicago take a look around you. What kinds of plants do your neighbors have? Which ones do you like and which do you despise? Show the landscaper that you choose what you are interested in seeing if your own landscaping. Chicago landscapers tend to be very flexible and open to ideas. This is your yard after all and you and your family are the ones who have to live with it forever.

When looking into landscaping, Chicago perennials may be the way to go. This way you will not have to plant new flowers and plants each and every year. That is a lot of maintenance and most people with landscaping, Chicago residents anyway, do not have the time for this kind of thing.

## **Landscaping During Times of Drought**

Landscaping in a dry climate may seem to many like a hopeless proposition. After all, there are few plants that can thrive without water. However, it seems especially discouraging during times of drought, as one would expect that at sometime the climate should not be so dry. There is no reason to despair, however.

While there are certainly risks associated with landscaping in the dry climate produced by drought, it by no means indicates that your plants and your yard will suffer by doing so. By taking a few simple things into account, you can landscape for a dry climate, and when the drought is over enjoy the fruits of your labor so much more.

There are actually good reasons to plant in a dry climate during times of drought, and to plant

in semi-arid regions where water restrictions may be a regular part of life. The reasons are thus: plants provide shade and can increase a home's energy efficiency; they provide emotional and mental relief, as they are naturally pleasing; it is important to have diverse species in landscapes; and replacement trees can decrease plant life loss due to injury, age, or disease. Additionally, trees and shrubs contribute greatly to soil stability, preventing erosion.

Here are some important things to keep in mind if landscaping during times when the climate is drier:

**Space available for landscaping.** This is a very important consideration for any landscape design and especially for those designs during times of drought. There should be adequate rooting area as well as plenty of airspace. Large-growing trees should be planted well away from gardens, driveways, other trees, buildings, or too near a property line. This is important because most of a tree's biomass is actually located under ground. You need to make sure there is enough space on your property to ensure that your plants will be able to grow properly.

**Moisture concerns.** Of course, in a dry climate or during times of drought, moisture needs are of great concern. There are trees that require a great deal of moisture (sometimes 30% of rain), and so you should be wary to plant these in semi-arid regions or during droughts. Find trees that do not require much water to thrive, or plant trees and shrubs that may need a little more water on lower portions of your property, where they may enjoy the benefits of storm run-off.

**Selection.** Plant a selection of trees and shrubs that will not grow so large. There are plenty of deciduous and evergreen trees that do not grow to be very big. Buy deciduous trees with 2 inches or less caliper, and make sure that your evergreens will reach no more than 6 feet in height. This will ensure that you have a good selection of plants that do not have strenuous water requirements.

**Placement on property.** It has already been noted that it might be better for some trees to be located on lower ground. There are other placement requirements to take into account when planning landscaping for dry or drought-affected climates. Make sure that you know the light requirements of the plants you buy.

The south and west directions are usually drier and receive more sunlight than the north and east portions of a house. Consequently, if your plants need little more moisture, it is best to have them on the east and north sides of the landscape. The southern and western areas of your property can be landscaped with plants requiring less moisture and which might need more sunlight. Choosing a variety of plants that require a variety of conditions can help bring diversity to your landscape.

Landscaping adds great beauty to our home environs. It is very rewarding to have a beautiful prospect that can be seen on approaching one's house (or looking out the window, for that matter). By using a little common sense, and by thinking carefully about what plants, trees, and shrubs would most likely suit your property, it is possible to lay out a plan for landscaping that will allow you to make use even of a dry climate or one that is drought-induced. And, when you choose wisely which plants to use in your landscape designs, you end up saving money, time, and frustration.

## **Conserve Water in Your Landscape: Xeriscape**

Xeriscaping is the act of landscaping using plants that do not need a great deal of water. It is also the more efficient use of water to take care of your landscape. Xeriscaping is becoming more popular in areas that are naturally dry and areas that are prone to drought. The West is an excellent place for applying xeriscape principles, as much of the land west of the Rocky Mountains is considered semi-arid, and it is especially prone to drought.

By applying the principles of landscaping for drier areas, it is possible to enjoy a beautiful landscape without running up the water bill or spending a great deal of time trying to keep your landscape from wilting.

Many people, when they think of landscape with xeriscape think of cactus and rock gardens. The truth is that these types of landscape designs are very efficient and make interesting landscapes. Cacti come in many varieties and can be quite beautiful. Many cactus plants bloom with lovely flowers as well.

Cactus can add an interesting look to your landscape, and add a uniqueness and distinction to your yard. If you have young children, however, it is a good idea to choose cacti without spines. There are different types of cactus plants that do not have the harp spines we think of, and there are plenty of other plants, related to cactus, called succulents that are great for xeriscaping.

Rock gardens are also excellent for xeriscape landscaping. They take up space that bushes and lawn would use, but require less care. Additionally, rock gardens can look very interesting and there is no reason that a variety of plants cannot be planted among the rocks. There are many flowers, ornamental grasses, and small shrubs and groundcovers that can grow in the midst of your rock garden. Be sure to choose hardy plants, preferably native plants, which can tolerate living in close proximity to the rocks.

But just because xeriscape is about conserving water does not mean that your landscape has to be all cactus and rock gardens. It is possible to create and maintain a landscape using xeriscape principles with more traditional flowers, and even with lawns. The key is to carefully choose your plants and then to care for them more efficiently, especially as it relates to water use.

Some plants that are excellent in most xeriscapes are perennials (they store a great deal of nutrients in their roots and bulbs, and do not need as much water), ornamental grasses, vines, shrubs, and groundcover. As mentioned before, the use of native plants in your xeriscape landscape design is essential in having a landscape that is not too high maintenance and one that conserves water. It can be very interesting to combine these more traditional landscape plants with plants like cacti and succulents. It adds variety and makes your yard that much more interesting.

Efficient use of water can help your plants become part of the xeriscape. If you water intelligently, you can help your plants become stronger, utilize the moisture in the soil better, and consequently better withstand drought, insects, and disease. These watering tips even work when watering the lawn. The reason efficiency is so desired is because most people use twice as much water as is necessary to water their lawns.

Instead of water frequently and quickly, water occasionally and deeply. It may take more time, but the water will soak into the soil and encourage the roots of your plants (including the grass) to reach down into the soil. Things like mulch and wood chips can help the soil hold moisture better as well, and aeration ensures that the water gets down closer to the roots.

Your xeriscape can be a beautiful landscape that also conserves water. If you keep in mind the basic principles of xeriscaping, chances are that you will be able to save yourself money in water costs, and that you will be able to enjoy healthier plants. Additionally, you will find that you spend less time on maintenance when you incorporate the principles of xeriscaping. Native plants that are deeply watered stand an excellent chance of blooming again and again, and giving you much pleasure over the look of your landscape.

### **Landscaping for Energy Efficiency**

When you landscape carefully, you can save money by increasing the energy efficiency of your home. This means that you can save money on heating and cooling costs by carefully planting trees, shrubs and even some grasses and vines. Landscaping can not only help decrease the amount of energy you use in both winter and summer, but can also provide an eye-pleasing surrounding for your home. This means that you can have an attractive home environment and save money on energy costs. And that is of interest to just about everyone.

When you carefully position your trees, you can save money in both summer and winter. Large deciduous trees are great additions to any home for this purpose. These trees have large leaves and create shade during the summer. They block the sun, and this reduces how much money is needed to cool the home.

Vines growing on the house and shrubs near the home (protecting basement windows) only help further. Now, here is the great thing about deciduous trees: they lose their leaves in the fall. This means that as the leaves fall during autumn, they let more sunlight in. This means that natural light and even some warmth from the sun will filter into your house during the winter, lowering heating costs.

And the best part about these trees is that an eight-foot tall deciduous tree costs about the same amount as a window awning for one large window. You can have the beauty of nature protect you and save you money in a way that an awning very could.

Another reason that landscape design with special attention to tree placement is a wise choice is the fact that they act as windbreaks. Without the wind whipping around the house, there is less energy used for heating. There is not even a need to place trees all around the house to achieve energy savings in windy areas. Simply plant trees on the windward side of the house. This will act as a barrier and can result in you spending a quarter less for your energy bill if you live in an area with high winds. In some areas, the savings increased to one third. Fences can also act as windbreaks, as do some other landscape elements.

The United States Department of Energy estimates that energy savings due to the proper placement of just three trees can be between \$100 and \$250 for the average household. This

means that with a properly designed landscape your initial investment can be returned in less than eight years. If you are buying a home, it is a good idea to choose one with energy efficient landscaping. Then you can experience that savings, and still add other features to make the landscape your own.

Proper landscaping also results in other benefits that many people associate with types of conservation. You can reduce air and noise pollution around your home with landscape. Greenscape elements actually absorb sound, and so if you have plants around your house you can actually help block the sound of a nearby road. Additionally, plants are natural air cleaners. While they will not completely rid the air of harmful pollutants, they can create a little pocket of cleaner air around your home, and that can reduce costs due to respiratory illness.

Energy use related to caring for a landscape can also be reduced with a carefully planned out landscape. When you have features that reduce lawn space, you do not have to use as much water to keep it healthy. Additionally, if you set up an automatic sprinkler system, you can save money in electricity to run it and water used by sensibly setting the times for two or three times a week for fifteen minutes at each station.

Choosing native plants that are appropriate for your climate can help you save money in caring for the plants and help you save money in energy costs. Find out what plants are best in your area for landscaping for energy conservation. Most cities and states have some sort of office or department that can be contacted for information on how to design a landscape that saves you money on your energy bills.

### **Plants for all Types of Dry or Drought-Prone Climates**

There are different types of climates that fall into the category of drought-prone climates. These include Mediterranean (which is present in the U.S., though it is thousands of miles from the Mediterranean Sea), arid, and semi-arid.

Even though each of these classifications have different temperature ranges, and also have different precipitation rates, they do share some common characteristics: a propensity toward dryness and often toward heat, and the likelihood of a drought at sometime during a plant's lifecycle. Therefore, it is important to consider different types of plants that would do well in such areas.

It is important to note that there are very few plants that can survive in any climate. Many of the plants that would thrive in a semi-arid region would drown in tropical regions. Likewise, tropical and exotic plants would not do well in drier climates. However, many of the plants of the western states would do just fine in the eastern states, depending upon which were chosen. Here is a list of a few plants that look attractive in most landscapes, and which would survive quite nicely in a fairly wide range of climates found in the United States.

Perennials are not only great to grow in a variety of climates, but because they come back year after year, they are easier on the budget over a long period of time. Some of these plants include shrub roses like the Fru Dagmar Hastrup, which is a beautiful rose that is not terribly

time-consuming to grow. It does not require constant attention like some other rose varieties do.

The Black-eyed Susan, Butterfly weed, California poppy (will grow elsewhere), Portulaca. These are beautiful flowers that also require very little maintenance and can survive in climates from Florida to Nevada. Other flowers that look beautiful and thrive in many places include baby's breath, sunflowers, orange coneflower, goldenrod, pansies, and bulb flowers like tulips, iris, daylily and crocus.

One of the most attractive and fun plants that grow in a wide variety of places is the flowering plant known as lamb's ear. It attracts bees, helping your garden to better propagate and renew itself. Additionally, the soft leaves feel furry, much like lamb's ears, and they are pleasant to the touch. The blooms on lamb's ear not only look beautiful as part of the landscape, but they make economical decorations for home interiors as well; they look excellent in dried flower arrangements.

Other plants that can take a variety of climates include evergreen boxwood and the oriental yew. The evergreen boxwood makes great hedges and fills in backgrounds nicely, and the oriental yew makes an excellent accent plant with an exotic look. Yuccas, though they may not survive so well in the wettest portions of the country, do remarkably well outside the Southwest. The opuntias is noted for its ability to withstand cold, as well as dry conditions.

Finally, ground cover can prevent worries over weeds and caring for flowers. There are many different types of covers that are very attractive in a variety of landscapes, even though they may not all flower. Artemisia (also known as "silver king:") is among the most attractive, as are herbs like rosemary and thyme. Lavender is also beautiful, adaptive, and it adds the extra benefit of an attractive smell. Another herb that can serve as attractive groundcover with an excellent smell is Roman chamomile.

These plants work to make the landscape pleasant for more than one of our human senses. Ornamental grasses can be planted in a variety of climates, as do the different types of lantana and salvia. Vines like honeysuckle and ivy grow in a variety of climates and can also be used as ground cover.

No matter where you live, it is possible to find plants that will enhance the beauty of your landscape. All it takes is a little looking around, and a knowledge of what grows well in your area. Luckily, there are a few plants, widely available and thus fairly inexpensive, that can be grown in almost any climate. And this can be a great addition to your property, refreshing the soul and beautifying the home within your budget and with very little need for continuous maintenance.

### **Tis' the Season: Why Grasses Only Grow in Certain Climates**

You may already be aware that certain types of plants are best suited to certain climates, but grasses? Are grasses only suited to certain climates? Isn't grass just grass? What does it matter where I live?

It is in fact true that different types of grasses can only grow in certain climates. Because different varieties of grass require different things, not all types of grass will thrive or even survive in all climates. Just like shrubs and flowers, different grasses have different needs and your climate may not be able to provide what certain varieties need. When choosing a grass mix for your lawn you need to keep many things in mind, including your climate, moisture level, soil mix and amount of sunlight.

The first thing you need to consider is whether you are in a warm, cool or moderate grass growing regions. Places in the north are classed as cool growing zones, whereas southern regions are warm growing zones. There is also the area in the United States known as the transitional zone which has warmer summers than cool growing zones, but cooler winters than those common in the warm growing zone.

Bahia and Centipede are examples of grass varieties that are suited to warmer climates, whereas Fescue grasses do better in moderate or cooler growing zones. If you live in a very warm southerly climate or a cold northern spot, then it will be much more difficult for you to grow many varieties of grasses. Most grass varieties are not suited to these real extremes in temperature and moisture.

Different soil components also contribute to the types of grasses that will grow in your area. Some grasses do better in soils that are rich in clay and organic matter, whereas others strictly grow in dry, sandy spots. You may want to perform a pH test on your soil to check the nutrient levels and soil composition.

Grass varieties also differ in terms of moisture. Some grasses are more suited to damp or wet climates, whereas other types thrive in dry climates and are drought resistant. If you are in a drier climate, then it is important that you choose a grass that is able to withstand long periods without rain. There are some grasses out there that become dormant during droughts, but which come back to life again after watering. These are good choices for climates that see very little rain during the summer months.

Many seed mixes are a combination of different grass types. Mixing grasses in this way will help improve the color, texture and overall strength of your lawn. Because some grasses are hardier than others, a mix will give you an overall look and feel that one single variety of grass may not. No matter what your grass needs, you should be able to find or create a grass seed mix at your local garden center that is just right for your specific needs.

You also need to be aware of how many hours of sunlight your grass can expect to get. Many grasses need at least half a day of direct sunlight, whereas there are some, like Fescue, that can survive in partial shade. Different grasses have different tolerance levels for shade so be sure to take this into consideration when choosing a grass type for your lawn.

When choosing a grass, you also need to keep in mind how much effort you're willing to put into your lawn care. Some varieties of grasses require little care, but many need a lot of patience and nurturing to really thrive. If you haven't the time or patience, then you want to choose a no-fuss variety that may not look as good or feel as good as other grasses, but will take very little time or energy on your part to grow.

Choosing a grass that is suited to your climate is one of the most important steps on the way to a healthy vital lawn. If you seed or sod with a grass that is suited to your area's soil type and climate and care for it properly, you will be rewarded with a dazzling front and back lawn that will be the envy of your neighborhood.

### **Wise to Winter: Winterizing Your Lawn**

Taking care of your lawn throughout all of the seasons is especially important. Because of this, preparing your lawn for the winter season, or winterizing your lawn is one of the parts of maintenance to be performed. Your lawn does not die in the wintertime, but rather, becomes dormant for one season because of the cold. If it gets colder in your area at this time, and if it is likely that snow will cover your lawn, then it is important to winterize your lawn to prevent problems, which may occur the next spring.

Before preparing everything for the winter, make sure that your lawn is healthy. It is important to not stop mowing the lawn too soon or to stop watering the grass before the season is over. By doing this, the lawn will not be able to take in the last of the nutrients before the ground freezes.

When the right time comes, the first thing, which should be done is to rake all of the leaves and debris that is on your lawn. By doing this, you will be allowing the nutrients and sunlight to continue to move into your lawn through the winter season. Bad soils that are in your lawn at the time will also be removed, causing only the healthy soil to remain in place and balancing out the pH contents.

Raking also helps cause better aeration to occur throughout your lawn, which will help your grass to become greener when springtime comes back around. You will also prevent diseases from occurring from molds that may form as a result of the ice and snow moving into the soil and molding. The wet from the snow will often find debris or leaves to hold onto in order to mold.

The fall season is also a good time to apply weed control to your lawn. This will cause the weeds that were growing in your lawn before to not be able to come back the next year. This is especially good for the broadleaf weeds that were trying to grow in your lawn for the season. Eliminating weeds at all times will help prevent further weeds from growing. Unlike grass, weeds continue to grow throughout the year, making it harder to eliminate them when the spring comes.

The third thing that should be done in order to prepare for the winter seasons is adding compost or fertilizer that will help your lawn throughout the winter seasons. Because grass becomes dormant, instead of dying, it is important to make sure that there are extra fertilizers that can be stored throughout the winter.

This will help especially if there is ice or snow that will cover the ground, as the grass will have extra stored resources to help move through the winter season. This also helps the grass recover from the heat of the sun from the summer and will prepare them for the same thing

next year.

It is always important to check on the soil and the amount of pH balance that is contained at that time. Because of the shift in nutrients and soil during the summer seasons, the pH balance can easily change. You may need to reduce the acidity or re-balance it through the use of different fertilizers. By doing this before the winter season, it will give the fertilizer time to soak into the soil; making it more balanced by the time the spring season arrives for a re-growth in your lawn.

Another thing to do in winterizing different parts of lawn care is to make sure that your lawn mower is ready to be stored away. In order to keep the mower running like new, it is important to make sure it is taken care of during the winter season as well. It's important to remove all of the gas and oil that is left in the mower. If you don't do this, the oil and gas will become old and will not be useful in the spring. It may become too thick to be able to allow the lawn mower to run.

By preparing your lawn and lawn care maintenance tools for winter, it will make it easier to take care of in the spring. It will also help your lawn to stay healthy, even though it is a dormant season of the year. Winterizing your lawn is a way to allow a better and healthier lawn to come back at the beginning of the next year.

## **Rain and Snow in Your Yard Landscaping**

Rain and snow are going to play a huge part in your yard landscaping decisions. For example you will have to plan for your yard landscaping with care. You should go to the library and take out some books on the subject. These yard landscaping books will help you to learn all of the most important points of yard landscaping so that you do not ruin your yard for good.

Your yard landscaping needs to be done with close attention being paid to rain and snow as well as proper drainage. If you find that your yard gets too muddy in the winter or you have large puddles all over then you most likely do not have the right kind of drainage going on. This is something that you may want to consider getting a professional in to take care of. If you still want to do the rest of your yard landscaping yourself then this is fine but some things are better left to the professionals.

You need to have your yard landscaping done in such a way that the rain when it falls, will actually water your plants. You will be able to use all of the water that falls into your yard to feed the plants and the trees if you set up your yard landscaping the right way. Knowing the general rainfall levels and times of the year you will then be able to make up the water levels when they drop with other watering. This is important during times like summer when it gets hot and there is not much rain.

Snow is another thing that is very important to your yard. Snow is just as vital to your entire yard landscaping project as rain is. Snow not only waters your yard as it melts but the snow, although cold, can actually help to keep your soil warmer. This will allow any plants that are sleeping under the snow to stay healthy and alive. Your bulbs will pop up in the spring in

perfect form and color making your yard landscaping all the more beautiful

When it rains you need to see just how the rain is transferred all over your yard. This is very important to the entire yard landscaping that you are planning to do. This is simple to do, all you need to do is take a walk around your yard the next time it starts to rain. Watch for where the rain puddles and where it drains to and you are well on your way to perfect yard landscaping. This kind of work is the easy part of the job and is the best way to start. Then you will know what needs to be done to get the right kind of drainage going with you yard landscaping.

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