

Gibbs Landscape Company: Monthly Landscape Checklist

JANUARY

Re define bed lines , cut back liriopse , prune junipers , prune wax myrtles , prune crape myrtles , prune burning bush and other deciduous shrubs (non - winter blooming shrubs) , finish cutting back ornamental grasses , remove remaining leaves under shrubs and in groundcovers , clean up perennial beds , finish planting tulips , daffodils , and other bulbs , treat shrubs and plants with dormant oil , begin pre-emergents applications to all landscape areas , thin out trees / limb up deciduous trees

FEBRUARY

Finish liriopse cutbacks , finish pruning junipers , wax myrtles , and crape myrtles , start severe pruning and thinning out shrubs , treat shrubs and plants with dormant oil , finish pre emergent applications to all landscape areas , prune hydrangeas (only approved species) , begin rose pruning.

MARCH

Apply systemic insect control to trees and shrubs , touch up fescue turf with seed in thin or damaged areas , apply pre emergent to all landscape areas , prune winter flowering shrubs and vines (forsythia , winter jasmine , camellias , etc...) , begin scalping warm season turf , continue severe pruning and thinning pruning on shrubs , fertilize all perennial beds , deep root injection of trees , prune evergreen trees and shrubs , finish pruning roses , begin start up of irrigation systems.

APRIL

Monitor for Spring diseases (fungus , blight , etc...) , treat early Spring insect populations (aphids , leaf miners , mites , etc...) , monitor flower beds for aphid infestations , prune spring flowering shrubs after blooming , fertilize all perennial beds , finish scalping warm season turf , fertilize trees , shrubs , and ground covers , deep root injection of trees , finish severe pruning , prune roses , apply growth regulators as needed , Spring annual planting begins.

MAY

Prune spring flowering shrubs after blooming , monitor all landscape areas for diseases (fungus , insects , etc...) , monitor roses for disease , deadhead

spring flowering shrubs and perennials , aerate warm season turf after 80% green up , cut back daffodils as foliage browns , apply growth regulators as needed , prepare for summer mulch application.

JUNE

Monitor turf for diseases (pythium , brown patch , etc...) , monitor flowering shrubs and trees for Japanese beetles , thin and shape shrubs after blooming , finish azaleas after blooming , deadhead perennials , continue fertilization of shrubs and trees , apply growth regulators as needed (not above 85 F , or in full sun/afternoons) , apply summer mulch.

JULY

Monitor turf for brown patch , deadhead perennials as needed , monitor flowering shrubs and trees for Japanese beetles , prune roses , finish azaleas by July 4th , apply summer mulch , begin Bermuda grass spray outs in fescue turf.

AUGUST

Deadhead and cutback perennials as needed , monitor turf for brown patch , finish all mulch applications , begin Bermuda grass spray outs in fescue turf , monitor turf for grubs and army worms and treat as needed.

SEPTEMBER

Deadhead and cutback perennials as needed , begin aerate and over seeding of fescue turf , thin out plant material (interior cuts) , monitor turf for grubs.

OCTOBER

Finish aerate and over seeding of fescue turf , Fall annual plantings begin , begin leaf removal as needed , monitor mole and vole damage to turf and shrubs.

NOVEMBER

Finish aeration and over seeding , leaf removal , shut down irrigation systems (exposed pipe).

DECEMBER

Finish leaf removal , start winter pruning , apply dormant oils , redefine bed lines , reshape bed lines to prepare for winter mulch , cut back lirioppe , remove leaves from the crowns of plants.