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# 8 WAYS TO PREPARE YOUR LAWN FOR FALL

During the fall season, it's essential to prepare your lawn for upcoming winter weather. As cooler temperatures arrive, grass and plant growth will begin to decline and eventually go dormant. Your grass is still growing, just at a slower rate. In the fall months, you should focus on cleaning up your yard, feeding, planting new grass, and aerating your lawn.



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# 1. Regular, Proper Mowing

Regular lawn mowing in Louisiana is a must; grass grows fast here. A healthy, neatly mowed, green lawn makes will make your commercial or residential property look great year-round. When you hire a professional lawn care service, you will ensure that your grass is cut at a proper length (only a third of the grass blades' length in a single mowing) and that your soil retains its nutrients.



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## 2. Fall Yard Cleanup

Clean up your lawn and landscape before the colder weather arrives. When autumn leaves begin to fall and cover your lawn, it's important to rake up dead and wet leaves and get rid of any debris and deadhead plants before winter. Anything left on your lawn will smother your grass and cause dead or bare spots.



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## 3. Weed-and-Feed Applications

Weed control plays a crucial role in commercial lawn care. The “feed” part of “weed-and-feed” is fertilizer, which gives your grass the nutrients it needs to thrive. These treatments need to be applied at the right times in favorable conditions. This can be a bit tricky, therefore using a professional lawn care service really makes a difference.



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## 4. Aerating Your Lawn

Most soils don't provide the appropriate amount of nutrients, drainage, or airflow. Aerating your lawn will promote healthier soil and stronger, and thicker grass. Lawn aeration, or punching small holes in the soil, allows soil and grass roots to get and store its needed oxygen, water, and fertilizer throughout the winter months. The lawn should be spiked down to about four inches with either a fork or a mechanical aerator. Lawn care professionals know the proper aeration tools and techniques to ensure your lawn is taken care of year-round.

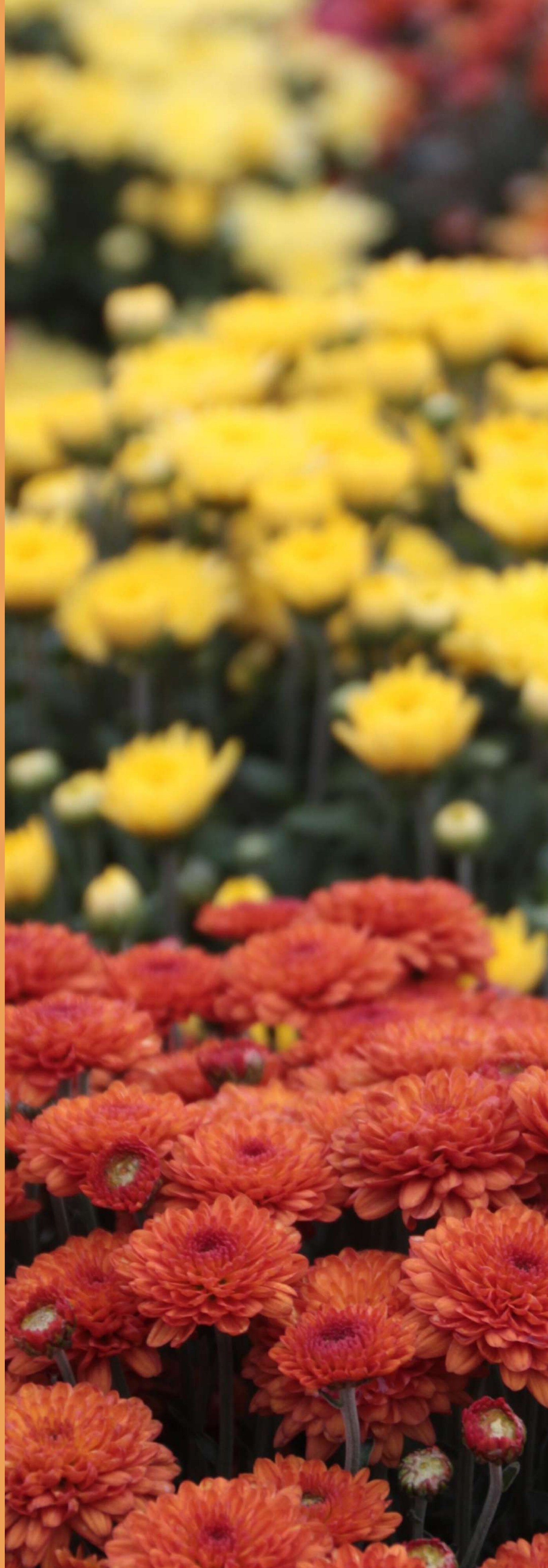


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# 5. Plant Bed Maintenance

Well-maintained plant beds are crucial to appealing residential or commercial property. That includes adding mulch annually, weeding, pruning shrubs, and replacing dead plants. Even if you have the best lawn on the street, if the planting beds are full of weeds and wilted flowers, that ruins the look fast. Regular attention to detail is critical.



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## 6. Grub and Insect Treatment

Pesky grubs and insects can cause irreversible damage to your lawn. They will munch on the tender roots of your grass, chew on the blades and even drag entire blades of grass into their burrows for later snacking. The result is yellowing grass and large brown patches. It is challenging to identify grubs and insects because they can cause some of the same damage as turf diseases. That makes a pro's insight especially helpful.



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# 7. Maintaining Your Irrigation System

If you have an irrigation system in your landscape, be sure it's properly cared for year-round. Our lawn care professionals will check the water pressure, adjust spray heads, and make any needed repairs on your irrigation system. Those fixes will make your system more efficient, saving you money in the long run.



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## 8. Planting New Grass

If you want to re-seed or plant new sod, late summer or early fall is the best time. In September, temperatures are beginning to cool down slightly, and it's the perfect time to seed or sod. Cool-season grasses germinate best when daytime temperatures are below 70 degrees, and soil temperatures range from 55 to 65 degrees Fahrenheit.



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The lawn care experts at Accent Lawncare can help you ensure your residential or commercial property looks great year-round. If you're not already an Accent Lawn Care client, we'd love to add you to our growing list of happy customers. Contact us today to discuss your Fall Maintenance plan.



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