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High Summer Newsletter

We hope you had a wonderful Fourth of July! The High Summer Season is about to start and that means two things: heat and drought. Summer weather is very rough on lawns and landscapes. Excessive heat, with temperatures in the high 90's, high humidity and very little rain in July and August are common occurrences. These conditions create an unhealthy environment for your lawn and landscape, causing damage to many of our lawns. With the Fall Service, we always concentrate on correcting the damage caused by summer weather. But there are things you can do for your lawn to lessen the damage. Let's talk about prevention!

Caring for Your Lawn in the Heat of Summer:

At this time of year, watering is of the utmost importance. Your lawn needs water, not just to look good, but to prevent damage. Good mowing and watering practices are essential.

- Cut your lawn less frequently and recycle the grass clippings into the lawn if possible. Continue to mow at a height of 4 inches.
- Make sure that your lawn is watered once a week if there is no measurable rainfall, and twice a week during prolonged hot spells -- soak the soil to a depth of 4 to 6 inches. This usually takes about 1 hour of watering in each area of the lawn.
- Mornings are the best time to water. This will allow the soil to absorb the water and the turf to dry, which can help reduce the occurrence of turf diseases.

It is easier and **requires less water to maintain your established grass** areas, shrubs and trees than to have them repaired or replaced.

Check our website for weather and watering conditions: www.finolawn.com Current conditions are Red. The temperatures have been above 90 and there has been no measurable rainfall in the last 2 weeks.

Entire Lawn Core Aeration:

If you want to make the most out of your watering efforts, you might want to consider core aeration for your entire lawn. Over time, the lawn becomes compacted by repeated foot traffic and weekly mowing. Soil compaction can lead to an increase in numerous issues including: thatch buildup, poor drainage and even increased insect and disease activity. With the use of larger and heavier mowers, compaction has become a greater problem for our lawns. Core aeration is the best non-chemical process that can be used to improve the health of the lawn.



Core Aeration offers the following benefits to the lawn:

- Reduced Water run-off
- Reduced Soil Compaction
- Improved Fertilizer uptake and use
- Enhanced soil water uptake
- Improved Root development
- Enhanced heat and drought stress tolerance
- Enhanced resistance to diseases and insects
- Improved resiliency and cushioning
- Enhanced thatch breakdown
- Improved air exchange between soil and atmosphere

During the Fall Service, we spot core aerate when we repair the damaged areas as part of the reseeding extra work. However, if you are interested in having the entire lawn core aerated, please contact us and we will email you the cost for your property. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us on 302-792-2201 or at Finolawn@gmail.com

Have a wonderful Summer Season!

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