



October Tips

- It's time to get your lawn ready for the long, cold winter ahead. Follow these steps and your lawn will green-up faster next spring.
 - Core aerate to prevent soil compaction, improve rooting and to help water and fertilizer get to the roots of your lawn.
 - Cut your lawn at the same height as you have all year (2 1/2" - 3" right? (That is where your lawn wants to be cut.)
 - Apply lime to correct soil pH. For established lawns, don't apply more than 50#/1000ft²
 - Rake if you have a lot of leaves. Your lawn needs to be able to breath. Raking will prevent your lawn from being smothered.
- October is the time to put Winter Coat on your lawn. This is the final and most important step in Jay-Mar's Lawn Ranger Program. Winter Coat lawn food provides potassium, essential for root development. Your lawn wants to spend it's energy on building roots, not shoots. Limit your nitrogen application and let your lawn get ready to go dormant.
- Fall is a good time to transplant woody landscape plants. Dig the hole 4-5 times wider than the plant's root ball. Many plants are sensitive to being planted deeper than they were growing originally, so try not to dig the hole any deeper than the root ball, so that settling does not occur after planting. Use the same soil to back-fill, without adding organic matter or fertilizer. Mulch the area over the roots and stake the trees securely.
- Protect your pets from ticks. Summer's over, but don't let down your guard. This is the time for the second wave of tick infestation. Jay-Mar has lots of protection options for dogs and cats.
- Don't forget your garden! There's lots to do here too...
 - Clean up remaining vegetation to minimize insect and disease problems.
 - Cover perennials, vegetable, bulb and strawberry beds.
 - Dig and divide crowded bulbs and perennials
 - Plant bulbs for next year
 - Prune dead and diseased wood on trees and shrubs
 - Start a compost pile



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Winter Coat provides your lawn with a big dose of potassium for root development and micronutrients: multi-vitamins for turf.



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