

LOW MAINTENANCE LANDSCAPE inc.

FIRST YEAR MAINTENANCE FOR YOUR NEW LANDSCAPE

After project completion you will need to thoroughly water once per week for the first month. Water each plant by hand with a water hose for about 30 seconds. Make sure you have a nozzle on your hose to avoid a sharp stream of water washing the mulch away from the plants. If you have an irrigation system, set each zone to water once per week for 30 minutes. Do not water if it rains more than 1 inch per week. It is also possible to drown your plants with too much water. After plant establishment period of 1-4 months, cut back on the water.

You will also need to watch for weeds. Hand pull weeds as they appear and do not let them produce seeds. Weeds can quickly take over and crowd out desirable plants. Spot spraying with round-up foam may be done if you are extremely careful not to get any on desirable plants. Round-up death will void your plant warrantee. After the first year of proper weed control, weed growth will decline by 75%.

Fertilization is also very important not only during the first year but throughout the life of the landscape. Planting bed preparation included organic compost and topsoil that will supply enough nutrients for survival of most plants we use. Several factors may cause these nutrients to become depleted. The most common cause is attributed to excessive rain or irrigation; this will leach these nutrients out of the soil. However, supplemental fertilizer applications will supply extra nutrients that will help your plants thrive. We have found that landscape projects that are fertilized grow, flower and establish about twice as fast as non-fertilized landscapes.

Following these suggestions are critical for the success of your new landscape. Obvious owner neglect will result in voided plant warrantee. We offer a program to help customers who lack the time, knowledge, or desire to keep up these important tasks. We are dedicated to customer service; we want your landscape to succeed and offer decades of enjoyment! We are one of the only companies to offer a First-Year Maintenance Program! A professional with a degree in horticulture will be at your service! See our full landscape maintenance sheet for more services.

MAINTENANCE TASKS INCLUDED

- Remove weed foliage and roots; hand pull large weeds with shallow root system, spray Quick-pro herbicide on deep-rooted perennial weeds or numerous small weeds.
- Hand water drought stressed plants if needed; during visit only. Offer watering advise.
- Diagnose plant problems caused by insects, diseases, or physiological damage. Offer expert professional advise on solving the problem. Discuss long-term solution or prognosis.
- Replace warranty plant material. (At customer request)
- Apply 14-14-14 time-release fertilizer (3 month) to landscape areas or select plants.
- Note: lawn mowing or lawn chemical application in not a part of our specialized landscape maintenance program. We can recommend a lawn maintenance company if you like.

ESTIMATED COST PER VISIT

- Frequency of visits; Every 6-8 weeks, 4 per year. This is sufficient for medium residential or small commercial landscapes that have moderate to low maintenance needs.
- Site visit labor; \$50.00 to \$100.00 depending of time spent, average cost \$75.00
- 14-14-14 time-release fertilizer (3 month); cost per pound; \$2.25, typical use; 15-20 pounds
- Quick-pro weed killer; cost per tank; \$25.00, typical use; 1 tank
- Typical estimated total cost per visit; \$150.00, yearly cost; \$600.00 (ESTIMATE ONLY)

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