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Tips to Help Homeowners Ensure a Healthy Post-Winter Lawn

Maryville, Tenn. — The leaves are turning and the breeze is in the air; fall officially has arrived in East Tennessee, which is the ideal time to winterize a lawn to ensure it remains healthy.

According to Clint Allison, Rainscapes president, many homeowners overlook the importance of winterizing their lawns.

“Homeowners often do not realize that by not prepping and winterizing their lawns they are allowing weeds to germinate and get a head start on the next season,” he said.

Allison offers the following tips to help homeowners winterize their lawns during a one-day, do-it-yourself project:

- Overseed during the fall season, so new seedlings have a chance to grow and mature before the heat of summer.
- Start treatments of pre-emergent herbicides before crabgrass and other broad leaf weeds start to grow.
- For warm season turfs (Bermuda, Zoyisa, etc.), fall is a good time to kill unwanted intruder grasses and weeds.
- Mulch trees and shrubs in the fall to help prevent cold weather damage.
- Winter is a good time to prune most trees and shrubs.

Homeowners who have sprinkler systems also should be reminded to winterize their system. Sprinkler systems should be shut down before freezing water has a chance to cause harm. According to Allison, winterizing a sprinkler system is normally less than \$100, which is significantly cheaper than replacing damaged equipment from bursting pipes that have not been winterized.

For more information on tips for a better lawn and Rainscapes’ services, please visit

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