

Kaleidoscope

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L & G Plus...celebrating 20 years of experience!



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Welcome...



At Lawns and Gardens Plus, our "plus" is our people, and that includes everyone involved in meeting your landscaping needs. Demonstrating our commitment and dedication to good communication, this is the second of our semiannual newsletters. We hope this communiqué will make you feel welcome in our L & G Plus family!

Tis the season...

Now is the time to talk to us about fall and winter flowers. Pansies, Swiss chard, kales, and cabbages are ready to be planted. We want your yard to look good for any future events you may have planned. Weddings, holiday parties, bah mitzvahs—any exciting occasion that's on your calendar—please let us know. Your event is as important to us as it is to you!



What's hot...

Renovation of gardens and turf is something we do a lot of. We can come in and tell you what's good in your garden, what has to go, and we'll rearrange and enhance your yard to make it gorgeous. If you or someone you know is interested in a garden overhaul, give us a call!



What requires more watering?

- A. trees
- B. turf grass
- C. container plants
- D. bedding plants

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...see page 2 for the answer!

Training...

In addition to our weekly training, or staff recently attended the yearly open house at the Hampton Roads Agricultural Research Extension Center. We learned the latest in...



- Current arborist techniques
- Appropriate plant selection
- Prevention of erosion
- Plant disease and nutrition

Also, in depth training classes for Certified Horticulturists begin in January for several of our staff members. We are truly dedicated to making sure the people who work in your yard have the proper credentials to make it wonderful!

Staff highlights...

We love our staff at L & G Plus; they're the reason your yard looks beautiful! In that spirit, we'd like to extend a warm welcome to a new member of our group. Jeremy Waters joined us this past summer. He's a student in the Horticultural program at Tidewater Community College, and we're glad to have him on our team.

Many of you also know about the devastating auto accident that Kevin and Mary Ann Atwood's children were involved in. Happily, they have recovered well, and life is finally getting back to normal. Thanks to all our wonderful customers who have been so supportive, caring, and kind to our L & G Plus family.



In the garden...

Paula is now putting the gardens to bed for the winter, lulling them into a restful, healthful sleep. This involves the general clean up of the brown, dead foliage that the onset of autumn brings, thereby helping to control insect and disease in the future.

We are also now doing some mulching. We mulch annuals in mid-October through mid-November, but we wait to do the majority of mulching toward the end of December through the beginning of January. That way, your garden will look its best after all the leaves have escaped from the trees.



Looking ahead to the spring, if you want bulbs popping up in your garden, let us know immediately. Now is definitely the time to plant an array of bulbs to make your spring full of joyous blooms!

On the turf...



We are in the process now of aerating, seeding, and fertilizing the lawns with cool season grasses like fescues. Autumn is the time to incorporate nitrogen; this provides faster and better green-up in the spring! L & G Plus believes in planning now for optimum enjoyment and later!

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Answer...



...from the question on page 1!

The answer is C. Container plants must be watered daily, depending on plant selection, or perhaps more often if located in hot or windy locations.

Surfing the net...



Interested in learning more about insects and pesticides? Check out these interesting websites:

Garden Insects: A Comprehensive Guide to Safe Biological Pest Control...

www.gardeninsects.com

Pesticides: The US Environmental Protection Agency...

www.epa.gov/pesticides/

On the calendar...



In keeping with our communication goal, we're planning on launching a website to provide you with additional resources and also highlights of our work. Look for this website sometime after the first of the New Year! Happy 2009!

Need to talk to us? Give us a holler! We're here to help...

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