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Spring Newsletter 2016

Hello there... It seems like forever since we last sent out our newsletter in Winter and this is our first point of contact since. Firstly, it's a little late but we hope you had a great holiday period! It was so mild around the holidays, so mild, some of you were still mowing and rightly so, the grass was growing quicker than expected for that time of year. Secondly we'd like to thank you ever so much for being such a loyal customer throughout 2015. We can't wait to care for your lawns again this year!

Since the holiday, it's got a tad cold and wet so your lawns have probably suffered a bit and is in need of some TLC. Well... that's what we're here for and your spring treatment will be applied in the next couple of months (dependant on when your ST4 was applied, as always.) ST1 is our Spring treatment and consists of the following products: essential nutrients (potassium, magnesium, herbicide, liquid iron and seaweed extracts), weed control, heavy dose of moss control, turf conditioners and nitrogen. This is the ultimate health cocktail and unlike our competitors these are all included in your treatment. Most other lawn companies charge per product! Please note: the moss in your lawn will turn black and then it will need either raking or scarifying out for your lawn to feel the full benefit of moss control. We can scarify your lawn and there's more information on the next page.

As always, we like to give you some advice and tips on how to care for your lawn for the coming season. Below are some tips to keep your lawn and garden looking neat, tidy and healthy from March through to May.

- * Prune your winter flowering shrubs, Wisteria, hedges & conservatory climbers and any overhanging trees/bushes.
- * If you didn't cut your lawn over the winter, you should give it a trim. No more than 1/3 of it's length. Mow on a dry day, in alternate directions.
- * Edge your lawn when it's dried out, to tidy it up.
- * Hard surfaces such as drives and patios affected by moss can be treated and the moss removed.
- * Bare patches should be re-seeded when temperatures are milder (soil temp of 9 degrees and above)
- * Controlling weeds from March onwards will let you get a head start and keep on top of them.
- * April and May are the best months to scarify in the first half of the year. Removing the moss and thatch will let the lawn thrive in summer.
- * Mowing your lawn correctly and regularly is THE most effective way to compliment our treatments and keep your lawn looking fab all year round.
- * When weather is dry and mild you can lower the cut of your mower. In extremely dry/wet conditions you should higher the cut. Mowing every 14 days will keep it looking well. If your lawn is growing more rapidly you should mow every 7-10 days.

SPRING ALERTS:

- **MOSS**
- **THATCH**
- **SNOW MOULD/
FUSARIUM**
- **RED THREAD**
- **FAIRY RINGS**
- **CHAFER BEETLES**
- **LEATHER JACKETS**
- **WORMS CASTS**



Moss, Scarification and other Spring Renovation Services

Moss and thatch are an absolute pain but very hard to completely banish and prevent as they're a result of the weather and natural occurrences. Who can stop mother nature? NOT US! We can help though. Our seasonal treatments will tackle the moss by killing it but then it does need raking or scarifying out. When we scarify a lawn we will remove all of the moss and thatch we can, which in some lawns leaves areas quite bare where moss had taken over the grass. This whole process might sound harsh and it is but it is necessary to remove the moss.

A less invasive way of dealing with moss is hollow tine aeration. This will pull plugs of moss and thatch out of your lawn and in turn will improve surface drainage and air flow, all which will help to prevent the severity of moss growth in your lawn. Hollow tine aerating is something we recommend to have every year along with scarification.

When your lawn has been through scarification and/or hollow tine aeration, it is likely that it will need top dressing and re-seeding to aid the recovery process. Top dressing will improve the soil surface conditions and over seeding will encourage thicker grass growth and speed up the recovery process in general. We recommend that Scarification, aeration, top dressing and over-seeding are used as a combination for the ultimate lawn renovation. When your lawn is recovered it will

MOSS ON YOUR DRIVE, PATIO OR OTHER HARD SURFACE?

Call us to banish this pesky growth! We have professional moss and algae remover which will kill the stuff in 2-4 days and then has a slow cleaning action in the following weeks and months. No pressure washing or scrubbing! Its suitable for all exterior hard surfaces and is HSE approved. Contact us for more information.

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- * You guys make us blush! We received such amazing feedback on Bark.com that we have been awarded the Bark.com certificate of excellence for 2015!! Thank you to everyone who left us feedback on there. We really appreciate it! It means a lot to us. Especially being a family run business, built from scratch, knowing that our customers are so happy makes us realise what we're doing is really working!
- * We have a new member of the team joining us called Rob, if you're opting for our any of our general gardening services this year then you'll get to meet him. He's so friendly and great at what he does and we're so excited for him to join us!
- * You might have noticed on the 1st page that we have a Pennine Knotweed Removal logo and that is now our official weed control name. We deal with Japanese knotweed, giant hogweed, Russian ivy and many more invasive weeds/plants. We have a new website for that side of our business and it's being launched on the 29th of February. Search for Pennine Knotweed Removal after that date and you learn more about our weed services on there!

look like new and be in tip top condition, health wise. To book any of these services, we recommend contacting us earlier rather than later; we get booked up quite quickly and below you can see why with these results:



GENERAL GARDENING SERVICES

You know... We didn't start out offering general gardening services but due to the high demand we received from all of you amazing customers, we decided to offer it as a separate service and now its grown massively! The work we do is of a high quality and completed with care and attention to detail. We can do anything from giving your lawn a trim to completely re-vamping your garden with planting, border work, weed control, pruning and much more.

No job is too small for our loyal customers; it might be that niggling job you know you have to do but can't find the time. Well... we can do it for you! Our hourly rate is cheaper than the going rate for the industry as a whole and we offer the services at a cheaper price to our existing lawn care customers! Mowing is priced according to the size of your lawn and you can be added to our weekly, fortnightly or monthly mow schedules to keep your lawn looking amazing throughout the growing season. We'll be starting the general gardening in March and we run right up until the weather allows (usually the end of October.)

Customers who had our services last year, we'd really appreciate if you could please get in touch to confirm the work you'd like to be carried out in 2016 and how often you'd like us to visit. Thank you ever so much!

Call, email or ask Richard for a price, our quotes have no obligation so even if you're just curious, get in touch, we'll be happy to give you a price!

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