

# crosby landscape GreenSpace



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The team at Crosby Landscape provides regular services designed to ensure that your lawn is looking its best year-round so you can enjoy a beautiful lawn through the seasons without the hassle.

**1 THATCH CONTROL**  
Dethatching is the process of breaking up the “thatch,” or the layers of stems and roots that entangle themselves on the surface of the soil and prevent moisture from getting through to the lawn’s roots. We use special equipment to accomplish this goal.

**2 AERATING**  
Aerating in the spring involves producing small holes or “plugs” in the soil so as to alleviate compacted soil and allows water to penetrate deeper, producing deeper roots.

**3 TOP DRESSING\***  
Top dressing is simply a way of adding organic material and restoring the balance to home lawns by building better soil and increasing soil flora. The best time to apply this is early fall, but can be done in spring if there is winter damage.

**4 FERTILIZING**  
Slow-release granular fertilizers contain a large array of micronutrients that fertilize the grass slowly as the soil microorganisms break down the organic matter into elements the grass roots can take up. May or early June fertilization is a suitable time to fertilize and stimulate growth.

**5 OVERSEEDING\***  
Overseeding (in addition to top dressing) helps build soil levels, introduce drought-resistant grass mixes and create a thicker, healthier lawn to prevent room for weeds to grow. Early fall application is suitable, but can be done in spring if there is winter damage.

If you have comments or would like to send a message to Jeff Crosby, please email [jeff@crosbylandscape.com](mailto:jeff@crosbylandscape.com)



## Keep weeds in check this spring



Since herbicides came off the market in Ontario in 2009, homeowners puzzle over the right strategy to keep their lawns healthy.

Now there's an effective solution that selectively kills broadleaf weeds through iron toxicity – Fiesta™ Weed Control. An all-natural product that's safe for your family, your lawn and the environment, you'll start to see results in as little as 48 hours.

*We apply this service four times per year on contract.*



# Meticulous With Mulch

We recommend fresh pine mulch, with its uniform texture and aroma, to suppress weeds, retain moisture in the soil, keep it cool and make the garden bed more attractive. Its acidic pH level also helps condition and improve the soil's fertility as it decomposes.



**Crosby uses only quality mulch and innovative techniques to ensure your gardens are sustainable and beautiful for years to come.**

- 1** We remove the leaves and any debris. We then weed the beds and turn the soil, if the customer chooses.
- 2** We apply a fresh edge to all the beds, approximately 3 inches deep, using a flat shovel or pick shovel to help retain the mulch. This creates an appealing look for the beds. We make an effort to maintain any shape or design already in place for the curves of each bed.
- 3** The selected mulch is applied at a depth of 2.5-3 inches and tapered down to each plant base to avoid choking the plant.

*Cost per yard and installation \$90*

## MULCHING RULE #1

***Mulch that exceeds four inches in depth can actually harm plants by depriving them of water and air.***

- Too much mulch can act as a water repellent and not allow water to absorb into the roots
- Roots need air to survive and over-mulching reduces the amount of air-flow into the soil below it

## MULCHING RULE #2

***Mulch must be kept away from tree trunks and shrubs keeping root flares visible.***

- Constantly moist bark loses its ability to protect the tree from pathogens, rodents, and insects
- Letting mulch touch the trunk will stress the tree and cause the development of girdling roots, shallow root systems, and death of trunk tissue



## Lawn 101

**Crosby Landscape cares for your lawn as much as you do.**

**BLADE MAINTENANCE** includes cleaning the machine after each use, and sterilizing and sharpening to reduce wear and tear. This helps cut your lawn more cleanly, leaving it less susceptible to disease.

**LAWN HEIGHT** should be maintained at 3.25" to prevent weeds and maintain moisture as the warmer weather approaches. Varying the cut patterns in your lawn also helps change growth direction habits.

**MULCHED LAWN CLIPPINGS** returns nutrients to your lawn and keeps soil moist, so your grass can grow healthy and thick.