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With the cooler fall weather upon us, it's time to prepare your garden for the onset of Canadian winter. Get a jump on fall lawn and garden maintenance with the Crosby Landscape team.

**1 SPREAD FERTILIZER**  
Apply a slow-release, all-natural fertilizer with high Phosphorus and low Nitrogen to promote strong, healthy roots for the coming winter months. Come spring, you'll be assured a better-looking lawn, stronger plants and an abundance of flowers.

**2 SPREAD GRASS SEED**  
Living in a northern climate, this is the season to spread cool-weather grass seed. The best time to foster new growth is when daytime temperatures are between 60 and 70 degrees Fahrenheit. (Nearing the end of the season we will cut the lawn a little shorter.)

**3 COVER PLANT BEDS**  
It's important to add soil on bare spots. Add compost or peat moss to replace nutrients lost during summer growth and to better prepare the soils for spring planting. Insulate the topsoil by adding mulch, planting a cover crop, or covering the bed with burlap.

**4 WINTER-PROOF YOUR YARD**  
Install markers for the driveway, hydro, phone boxes and other objects that can go unseen from snow coverage. Placing salt boxes can be handy for melting ice as well as applying burlap covers to protect plants from winter burn.

**5 REMOVE WEEDS AND LEAVES**  
Remove perennial weeds as they compete for nutrients with the rest of your lawn. Removing leaves and thatch allows water and nutrients to reach roots more easily. For gardens, you'll want to weed, deadhead faded blooms, divide overgrown plants, dig up non-hardy bulbs for winter storage and remove spent annuals.

**6 REDUCE WATERING**  
Adjustments to irrigation for fall involves reducing watering as the weather becomes cooler and water sits longer.

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## Yard Savvy

### *Ensuring a Healthy Lawn*

Shifting excess nutrients to roots is the secret to plants' return each spring. Those stored food reserves fuel the spring wake-up. The same is true of your lawn. By fertilizing grass in fall, you're feeding the active roots and giving them even more nutrients to store for winter, thereby ensuring a healthy lawn in spring.

### *Controlling Perennial Weeds*

It's an excellent time to control perennial weeds, because that's the time of year when plants begin a process of winter food storage, shifting internal foodstuffs from leaves to roots. If you treat perennial weeds with herbicide in fall, the chemical moves from leaves to roots, essentially killing the weed at the root.



# We've Got You Covered

As your year-round outdoor service partner, the Crosby team works hard to help you grow and maintain a beautiful and functional space. Take advantage of our list of services so that you can spend more of your time enjoying the results.

- 1 TOP DRESSING** is a prepared soil mix applied to the surface of the lawn to rejuvenate tired grass and improve poor soil conditions.
- 2 OVER SEEDING (SLIT SEEDING)** is performed by dropping seeds directly into vertical slits cut into the soil. This assures proper seed to soil contact and effectively repairs weak, bare, and thin areas of your lawn, leaving them full of new grass before you know it!
- 3 PELLETIZED COMPOST** quickly increases the organic matter in the soil and adds important nutrients to improve grass seed germination and establishment.
- 4 COMPOST IN GARDEN BEDS** improves soil structure, buffers pH, increases micro- and macro-organisms, and adds organic material on which soil organisms feed.
- 5 WRAPPING SENSITIVE PLANTS WITH BURLAP** prevents wind burn, and in some cases, salt spray and debris from roadways and side walks.



## Lawn 101

Crosby Landscape cares about your lawn as much as you do.  
We take extra care to make sure it earns top marks.

### FALL IRRIGATION

Fall is when lawns and gardens get to the serious business of surviving winter. Plants will focus on growing deep strong roots and they'll need adequate water to do that. It is important to note that as the weather becomes cooler, reducing water might be necessary as water tends to sit longer.

### IRRIGATION SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

Maintenance and winterization of your in-ground sprinkler system is important for its functionality in the warmer months. Proper preparation ensures your system won't be damaged by freezing temperatures. Crosby Landscape can help ensure a healthy outcome for your plants and lawn with a properly functioning sprinkler system.

