

Get your Lawn & Landscape Greener Faster

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Spring is finally here and winter is behind us. It's time for the lawn to start turning green and the landscape to be full of color again. Spring brings about these changes naturally, but there are steps you can take to help Mother Nature along. Do these things now to have the best possible lawn and landscape through summer:

- Apply pre-emergent to prevent crabgrass from coming up later this spring. It's easier to prevent crabgrass than try to contain it later. Most of the weeds that have come up over winter can be killed with the right herbicides, but be very careful when using them near your trees and shrubs.
- Fertilize to jump start your lawn and landscape. Use a high nitrogen fertilizer to green up the lawn faster. To get the best color and health out of your trees and shrubs, apply a balanced fertilizer with a high micronutrient content.
- Mow your lawn grass short early in the spring to remove the dead winter grass and help the green new growth show through earlier.
- Trim your shrubs to help them generate healthy new growth, especially if damaged from ice, snow, and freezing temperatures.
- Add a fresh layer of mulch to keep your flower beds looking sharp, and to help with moisture retention.

Hopefully this information gets you well on your way to a beautiful yard, but if you need assistance, come to Covington's. We have the products and expertise to help you with all of your lawn and landscape needs. **Or, if you'd rather have a professional take care of the fertilizing, as well as controlling disease and insect problems that are bugging your landscape plants, contact our Lawn and Garden Services Team at 972-475-5888 Ext. 200 for a free estimate.**

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