

The Essentials of a Spring Yard Cleanup



As the warm weather creeps in and all signs of snow disappear, mother nature sends her cue that it is time to begin preparing your yard to optimize growth that will occur in the coming months. A spring cleanup can be a daunting task but including the following elements in your spring cleanup will help ensure that your yard is poised to flourish this season.

- **Remove any branches, leaves, stones and other debris** from your lawn before beginning any fertilization or seeding so it can grow without hindrance
- **Trim back bushes and shrubs** (non-flowering) to rid them of dead branches so that new growth can occur
- **Identify any broken branches on bushes** and create a clean cut where the branches have broken to promote growth
- **Remove dead leaves and stalks from perennials** and prune them down
- **Loosen soil around plants and pull any weeds** that may have sprouted
- **Cut down ornamental grasses** to a few inches from the ground so that chutes can grow
- **Apply a non-toxic deer repellent** - this is the time of year that deer are the hungriest; protect your plants from wildlife with an application of deer spray