

# Lawler Park Landscape

A Community Newsletter



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## A Fall to Winter Landscape

Here's some ideas this outdoor season that can help maintain a beautiful yard and avoid costly repairs and fix-ups the next season.

**Aerate Your Soil.** Summer-foot traffic can compact soil and prevent water or oxygen to penetrate deep into the ground. Compacted soil can create short root systems, affecting lawn health and appearance. Loosening soil helps with moisture retention and less water runoff.

**Water.** Texas summers can stress the lawn and soil. Watering appropriately will allow your grass to repair. Aeration allows water to soak in deeper and promote a long, healthy root system. Grass stays healthier and can better combat daily stresses like weather, pests, and foot traffic. Monitor the amount of water: too long can drown and damage roots and create a shallow root system.

**Mowing.** As the temperature drops, so should the mower blade. Grass left too long traps moisture that breeds winter fungal diseases resulting in brown patches later; if too short, the grass roots weaken and weeds invade. Gradually, take lawn height 1 to 1.5 inches lower than usual by the last mow of the season. Never cut more than 1/3 of the grass blade during any one cutting. Mowing frequency lessens in the fall; however, ensure mower blades remain sharp. Dull blades can rip grass blades rather than cut, leaving the lawn susceptible to damage from the weather, pests, and fungi. Also, remove the mower-bag to allow nitrogen-rich mulched-clippings to help keep the lawn keeping it healthy.

**Fertilize** throughout the year to prevent common lawn problems, strengthen your lawn, and keep it healthy throughout winter months. Use the appropriate fertilizer, or hire a lawn service, to ensure the best results possible.

**Weed Control.** Weeds take nutrients, food and water from your lawn. Use a herbicide to combat weeds and keep them away come spring season.

### Winterize Outdoor Faucets/Kitchens/Pipe.

Disconnect, drain, and store water hoses. Shut off water to your outdoor kitchen/sink. Residual water may freeze, expand and crack pipes. Turn off all outdoor faucets and remove splitters or other connections. Cover outdoor water faucets or exposed pipes with a Styrofoam insulated-cover during cold temps. —>

### Move Lawn Furniture/Grill/Toys Off Of The Grass.

Objects left on the grass during cold weather or snowfall can create large dead spots due to its weight, and can result in stunted and thinner grass.

**Clean Tools.** Yard tools collect pathogens just like other surfaces, which can cause diseases that affect lawn health. Clean tools after use to ensure the longevity of your lawn season after season.

## Curb Appeal Value



Beautifully maintained homes make beautiful neighborhoods, and can help bring great returns at the time of a home sale.

### To boost curb appeal:

- \*Maintain proper landscaping (yards, trees, flower beds, bushes, mulch, etc.)
- \*Keep front porches clutter-free (bicycles, toys, shoes, etc.)
- \*Re-stain front doors and shutters as needed
- \*Re-paint wood trim as needed
- \*Keep alleys/rear entries/side yards clear of discarded items (boards, boxes, broken items). Call City of Frisco for pick up, if necessary

\*Keep fences in good condition and properly stained with approved color (HOA approved stain is **Seal-Rite**,

**Medium Brown**). Staining every 2-3 years will help preserve fence-life.



## YARD OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to our **October winner:** the Gonzales family at 13888 Leland Drive.

Thank you for working so hard in the yard. Your landscape is beautiful, and it helps keep Lawler Park looking great!

**Note:** The Yard of the Month Program will begin again Spring 2018.

## Stay Vigilant This Holiday Season

- \***Lock** the house, car, everything!
- \***Secure valuables.** Never leave anything of value out in plain sight or visible through any window.
- \***Control social status.** Avoid broadcasting travels or Black Friday shopping spree online.
- \***Leave lights/tv on** to signify that someone is home. Security automation/smartphone interactive apps can help to turn off and on the lights throughout the day and night.
- \***Activate your alarm system.**

**Wish you a happy and safe holiday season.**

