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Steve's Lawn & Landscaping Service, Inc. *Newsletter*

Mid-Summer

2011

Greetings!

I'm almost done with a fantastic patio project. Check out this link to see a [slide show](#) of the work in progress - in our next issue we'll feature the finished masterpiece!

Despite the heat, our guys are working hard to keep your yard looking great. Here are a few things to keep in mind as you enjoy your time outdoors this summer.

Lawn

If your lawn is too dry, we're going to skip cutting it - we'll use the missed cut in the fall to keep up with the leaves. Also, if you're watering the lawn and you notice brown spots or a strange blackish cast to your lawn, call us right away - you could have an infestation of chinch bugs or a fungus. We can apply a treatment product to prevent further damage.

Sprinklers

Of course, with all this heat, the sprinkler department is pretty busy. You'll notice right away if a section of your lawn is not being covered by your sprinklers - give us a call and we'll take care of it for you. [Here's a link for mid-summer discounts.](#)

If you haven't already done so, now is the time to increase the length of time your sprinklers run and/or the frequency. If your town has alternate day water restrictions in place, you might have to water AM and PM to keep up with the weather.

We're offering a super special on sprinkler system installation. [More details below!](#)

Pruning

We're still pruning shrubs and trimming trees. After all the rain this spring, many people's shrubs are overgrown and messy. Pruning not only makes the whole house and yard look better, it's good for the shrubs, encouraging new growth and promoting

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stronger infrastructure. [Attached is a coupon for savings on pruning.](#)

This is also the time of year for bugs and diseases of shrubs and ornamental plants, so if you're watering as you should be and you notice a shrub is yellow or losing leaves or it looks as if there are holes in the leaves, give us a call so we can diagnose and treat it before it's too late.

Contact us today to find out more about any of the services mentioned above!

Enjoy - this is what we wait for all year!

*Thanks,
Steve*

Please check out our website for additional information, pictures of recently completed projects, and special offers!

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Powdery Mildew

You might notice a gray, powdery coating on your lilacs, roses or phlox plants this time of year. If so, that's powdery mildew, a fungus that affects many plants during the hottest part of

summer.

Powdery mildew is caused by more than 300 species of fungi. They are biotropes, meaning they get all their food from other living organisms. The host plant is not usually seriously damaged by the fungi, but if you count on that plant to provide fall color, the leaves may be ruined by prolonged infection. Also, new growth and buds may be destroyed. The fungus is generally very specific to individual species of plants, so your rose will not infect your lilac, but if the conditions are similar, the lilac may get its own specific strain.

The best way to prevent powdery mildew is to give susceptible plants room for air to circulate. Don't plant them on top of each other and make sure everything is properly pruned. It's important to clean up all dead leaves on the ground throughout the growing season as well as in the fall and certainly in the spring.

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Pest Notes



Chinch bugs are starting to appear in some of our customer's lawns. These insects eat the roots and will kill whole sections of your lawn, so contact us right away if your lawn looks bad.

We have some chemicals that can treat the fungus, so if it really bothers you, give us a call or email janeen@steveslandscaping.net!

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Firepit Special!

You still have time to take advantage of this great deal on a beautiful fire pit. The chilly evenings of fall are right around the corner, so contact us today for an estimate.

This attractive firepit can also be added to existing patios with very little preparation for a really reasonable price.

Get a **FREE Firepit** with the installation of a 500 square foot paver patio. Contact us for an estimate today!

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Summer Sprinkler Special!

It's hot. It's dry. And it's time to have an irrigation system installed for a super sizzling low price!

For a limited time, we are offering drought busting prices on a professionally installed sprinkler system. Save water, save time and save your lawn and valuable landscaping plants!



Sizzling Summer Sprinkler Special

# of Zones	Regular Price	Special Price	Saving\$
6 Zones	\$2,850	\$2,400	\$450
9 Zones	\$3,850	\$3,400	\$450
12 Zones	\$4,850	\$4,300	\$550



Our fertilization technician, Angel, has also reported finding aphids, spider mites, and gall on some shrubs.

Rutger's current turf grass disease list includes brown patch, pythium blight and summer patch.

We have treatment for all these nasty problems! Just email janeen@steveslandscaping.net and we will send Angel to diagnose and treat the disease!

Please note that the prices above assume the following conditions:

- 1-Customer supplies 1" water tap installed by licensed plumber
- 2-PVB Backflow (\$150.00 additional for RPZ backflow, if required)
- 3-Customer supplies all required permits

Contact us today for a free estimate for your home - call 973-627-2797 x3 or email sprinklers@steveslandscaping.net.

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Why not seize the pleasure at once, how often is happiness destroyed by preparation, foolish preparations.

~Jane Austen

Save up
to
\$35.00

Free Weed Spray with Summer Pruning (up to \$35.00 value)

We will spray the weeds in your beds with weed killer for free, up to \$35.00 value (covers most standard bed sizes) with a new order for Shrub Pruning. Email janeen@steveslandscaping.net

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Save on
Mid-
Season

Save now on Mid-Season Sprinkler Service!

We will perform a full service mid-season check of your sprinklers for a special discounted price! We will check the direction and flow of all heads, make sure coverage is optimal, and ensure that heads are not sticking up to be hit by lawn mowers. If repairs are necessary, they will be performed separately. Parts are extra.

Sprinkler Service

- \$65.00 for 0-9 zone systems
- \$85.00 per hour for 10 or more zone systems.

The regular prices for this service can be considerably more, so contact us right away to take advantage of this special offer.

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