

Chores This Month

- ⇒ Prepare Lawns for Overseeding (It's Time!)
- ⇒ Aerate, Overseed and Fertilize Fescue / Bermuda Lawns
- ⇒ Trim shrubs such as Crape myrtle for additional blooms
- ⇒ Prepare beds for Fall and Winter Color (Floriculture Program)

- ⇒ Cut Back Perennials
- ⇒ Mow, Edge and Trim All Turf Areas
- ⇒ Pull / Spray Weeds in Beds
- ⇒ Trim Upright and Standard Hollies
- ⇒ Scout for Landscape Insects such as Lace Bug on Azalea
- ⇒ Check Watering Schedules for adequate moisture
- ⇒ Plant New Shrubs and Perennials
- ⇒ Install Landscape Lighting

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Landscape Industry's Elite Welcomes Greenkeeper's Landscapes!

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The Management team at Symbiot Business Group officially welcomed Greenkeeper's Landscapes, Inc. as part of the national network of qualified landscape companies.

Symbiot Landscape Network, is a national business network concerned with providing the highest quality services to national and regional accounts all over the US.

In his communiqué, Drew St. John, II, Symbiot Business Group's Vice President, said,

"It is the excellence you have attained in the Green Industry

which has lead to this alliance of emerging and established landscape maintenance and installation companies.

It is great to have you as an Affiliate and I am confident that the 'sky is the limit' for the Network."

GLI's founder and president, Randal Wise said,

"It is our first goal to provide the highest quality services to our clients, and to do it with excellence.

That is why we are always '**Pressing On Towards Excellence.**'

To be recognized by the leaders in the Green Industry is a confirmation

and encouragement to me and to our team members that we are on the right path.

We're not there yet but we will continue to mature and improve as we strive for excellence.

We believe that businesses across the country will benefit significantly from the Network. They will be the benefactors of the highest quality landscape service providers in an unprecedented way.

"Never before have local companies joined together to provide uniform services to national and regional accounts. This is very good for everyone,"

Crater Lake Blue Speedwell Our Pick Of The Month

Veronica austriaca, 'Crater Lake Blue', is a wonderful perennial for spilling over low rock walls and as a ground-cover in afternoon shade. This graceful plant will spread and cascade its stars-shaped blue flowers from late May to July. It is a versatile low growing perennial ideal for rock



gardens and hanging baskets. Speedwell is easy to grow in most soils without

special care. Veronica can be cut back for a more bushy habit after flowering. Plant size at maturity is about 12 inches tall and 12 inches wide. It's an herbaceous perennial and great for your gardens.

Plant some this year for next year's enjoyment.

Care Instructions for Overseeded Lawns

Or... How to Water Properly (Keep these instructions as a reference)

It is your responsibility to keep your newly seeded lawn watered properly. We are not responsible for the performance of seed or grass that has not had adequate water as outlined below. We do not guarantee the performance of seed that has not been cared for by the owner or property manager. The only reason to skip a watering day is adequate natural rainfall. Adequate rainfall would consist of at least 1/2 inch measured in your rain gauge at your location. Don't trust weather reports since rainfall measurements at the Airport could be inaccurate for your locality.

Watering Week One and Two: It is imperative that the upper layer of soil containing the new seed be kept moist or damp during germination. Germination usually takes 10 days to 2 weeks. We suggest that you water all newly seeded areas 7-10 minutes, twice per day. If this cannot be done, we suggest watering 10-15 minutes, once per day instead. Don't stop watering!

Watering Week: At this stage the young grass plants are very vulnerable to drying conditions. It is imperative that your new lawn gets water every day. We suggest 10-15 min., once per day. High winds and very dry conditions suggest that you water slightly longer or twice per day. Don't stop watering! (First cutting may take place this week.)

Week Four and After:

Grass plants are immature at this stage requiring water less often but watering should be deeper to encourage roots to grow as deep as possible. Don't stop watering! We suggest 15-20 minutes up to 25 minutes 3-5 days per week depending on your site conditions. We will help you with these specifics if you desire.

After week four, 3 days per week should be adequate if conditions are not too hot and dry. Water more if necessary. Don't let the grass dry out or it will die. Water through the winter months too. 1-2 times per week in the winter should be adequate.

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"Green Men" Train For Certification

As part of our experience as participants in the Pro Training Challenge our team has decided to take on another challenge.

Our quest to be the best trained landscape maintenance company in Northeast Oklahoma has led us to prepare each week for Certification. That is to become Oklahoma Certified Nurserymen.

Having won the National Pro Training Challenge for

2001/2002 we didn't want to rest on our "laurels", so to speak.

We decided to take the formidable challenge of being prepared to take a test where 2/3 fail the first time.

This test will cover things like, How Plants Grow, Turf Grasses and Their Management, Plant and Pest Diseases, Industry Laws and Regulations, Soil Water and Fertilizers, Plant Identification plus 14 other critical areas.

Brad Lawson is teaching our class and is doing a great job of teaching subjects that are difficult for many to grasp. But if it weren't difficult it wouldn't be as rewarding in the end. Everyone in the company is involved in this training every week no matter what. Not many companies in the United States will have teams this well trained.

Our goal is to send men to take this three to five hour test in January. We will have to work really hard to be ready.