



Have a Great Fall

Tips for Prepping Homes and Lawns

As fall creeps in, it's time to start thinking about winterizing lawns and making sure pipes and equipment are in proper working order.

Here are a few tips for taking advantage of fall weekends and ensuring a problem-free winter.

Adjust Outdoor Watering

Reduce irrigation as temperatures cool and plants need less water. Water deeply but less often to encourage root growth before winter. Turn off automatic sprinklers and instead switch to manual watering if rainfall is sufficient.

Check for Leaks

Inspect outdoor faucets, hoses, and irrigation systems before shutting them down. Fix leaks in the home's toilets, sinks, and pipes to prevent water waste. Monitor water bills for unexplained increases.

Prepare for Freezing Temps

Drain and store garden hoses and shut off outdoor spigots. Winterize sprinkler systems to avoid burst pipes and water loss.

Mulch & Soil Care

Apply mulch around trees and shrubs to retain soil moisture. Remove weeds that compete for water — Aerate lawns to help soil absorb moisture.

Indoor Efficiency

To save water, shorten shower times, run dishwashers and washing machines with full loads only, and install water-efficient fixtures.

Rainwater Collection

Consider using a rain barrel to capture fall rains for later use. Check gutters and downspouts to direct water toward the landscape instead of storm drains.

Seasonal Planting

Choose native or drought-resistant plants for fall landscaping. Avoid planting high-water-demand species going into the colder months.



Clear Directions

Hydrant, Manhole Access Important

Manholes and fire hydrants aren't the most visually appealing parts of the Township, but they must remain clear to ensure they can be easily accessed.

Township residents are asked to avoid landscaping manholes and water valve boxes, as doing so can make accessing the sewer systems and water valves complicated and cause valuable time to be lost during emergencies.

Residents can also help make hydrants easily found by keeping them clear of shrubs, trees, and landscaping. This includes two feet behind the hydrant and five feet on each side. Nothing should be planted between the hydrant and the street.

Please help the Township keep sewer and water systems running smoothly!



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