

Standard Maintenance Practices

As landscape maintenance is performed outdoors, we are affected by varying weather conditions, which can impact on our ability to perform our work. With this in mind, all dates referenced are approximate. As winter kill of plant material, insect problems, and requirements for watering are directly linked to seasonal weather patterns they cannot be foreseen at time of quotation and will be considered as problems arise.

Following is a brief outline of Rockcliffe Landscaping's Standard Maintenance Practices to be used in conjunction with your Proposal. Only the items listed on your Proposal will be performed as per this document. Additional items can be added with a revised quote.

Spring clean-up

- One-time visit between April 15 and May 8 on a first customer signed up basis.
- Remove winter debris, sweep driveway and walks.
- Remove winter protection, t-posts, snow fencing and leave at your house.
- Driveway sweeping of heavy grit accumulation from ice control will be charged as an extra.
- *Raking of thatch from lawn is done under dethatching as part of lawn care.*

Lawn care - Please see our information sheet regarding Lawn Health Care.

Mowing

- Starting the 1st week in May until the end of September it is done weekly (except during very dry periods when mowing may not be appropriate).
- Cut to a height of 2", 2.5" during dry periods to insulate the soil against drying heat, and to 1.5" on the last cut of the season to reduce chance of turf disease over winter.
- Cuttings are left on the lawn; raked only if wet and clumped up; blown off walks, driveways, etc.
- In October, as required in conjunction with Fall clean-up if provided by us. If we do not provide Fall clean-up, please advise when lawn has been cleared of leaves so we may cut.
- Try to cut lawn on the same day every week for entire season, weather permitting. We will change schedule for parties, receptions, etc. Please notify us 48 hours in advance of any event to be sure we will meet your needs.

Core Aerating

- Done in May and September.

Dethatching

- Done in April-May or September-October (once per year).

Fertilizing

- Done three times per season.
- Use granular Organic Corn Gluten 8-2-4 in spring, granular Organic 9-2-4 in summer and granular Organic 4-1-12 in fall.

Grub control

- Use of parasitic Nematodes based on need at time of inspection in late August/September as an extra. Proper continuous watering is essential for Nematodes to control grubs.

Plant and Garden care

Gardening

- Consists of edging and weeding beds, cultivating soil and periodic deadheading.
- Work is done weekly, bi-weekly or monthly (22, 11 or 6 visits) as indicated.
- Time spent per visit is not evenly divided (usually more hours in May & June).
- Cut down perennials in October
- Moving and dividing perennials is done as a separate work order.

Pruning

- Normal pruning only, rejuvenation is done as a separate work order.

Hedge trimming

- Cedar hedges should be pruned yearly from July to September. Standard quote is for one year's growth, up to 6-8".

Fertilizing

- Granular for garden and shrub beds in May.

Garden Compost

- Mushroom compost provides an excellent means of improving the soil by adding organic matter. Ideally done in fall after perennials have been cut back.

Annuals & Bulbs

- Supply and install annuals as per Rockcliffe Landscaping's annual list or install only during the 2nd half of May, including granular fertilization at time of planting.
- If annuals are to be planted in pots or other containers, it should be noted if pro-mix is required and extra labour should be indicated for pro-mix and putting out containers.
- Removal of annuals in late September only if we do gardening. Please let us know if you are planning to keep annuals for overwintering indoors so we do not remove them.
- Supply and install spring bulbs as per Rockcliffe Landscaping's bulb list or install only in September and October.
- Supply and install summer bulbs as per Rockcliffe Landscaping's bulb list, or install only in May.

Weed control on walks, patios and driveways

- Spray Horticultural Vinegar (results in 2-3 weeks) and remove dead weeds on follow-up visit.

Fall clean-up

- 2 or 3 visits, starting October to mid-November. Clean leaves from property and remove.
- Lawn cut if lawn cutting included in contract (if not, can be done as an extra).

Winter protection

- T-posts and snow fence installed for protection from snow plowing operations, new T-posts or fencing will be supplied if required for an extra charge.
- Screen plants for protection from winter sun and winds, new burlap and wood stakes will be supplied if required for an extra charge.
- Spray anti-desiccant on evergreen shrubs to prevent plants from drying out over winter.
- Mesh wrap for upright cedars and junipers to prevent snow damage.
- Install wooden A-frames over shrubs to protect from falling snow and ice.
- Install mats on walks and stairs to provide winter traction.

Dump fee

- Includes the removal, transportation and tipping fee's of all yard waste from your property associated with the above services as performed by us.