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OUR SPRING NEWSLETTER

Dear Customer:

This week, weather permitting, we will be starting our Spring Service. As you know, we perform the Spring Service for half of our customers in March and the other half in April. But if you need to know when your particular service will be done, you can contact us on 302-792-2201 or at Finolawn@gmail.com. Therefore, please think about your Spring Cleanup before we come; if you do it yourself. If you have someone that does it for you, please contact them to see when they are coming so that we may coordinate our Spring treatment with them. Additional details are on the back page of the Spring Startup Letter that we sent out in January. If you need any help in doing your Spring Cleanup, please contact us.



Alex League, the youngest member of our team, passed the State of Delaware Division of Agriculture's Certification for applying plant protection material. It is a hard test; so, if you see him on the job, please congratulate him.

Finocchiaro Lawn & Landscape requires that all of our employees be certified even though the State does not make that mandatory. Presently, the law only requires one person per company be certified. The companies then are able to send out crews who are not certified to do the applications on customers' lawns.

That is what makes our company different from our competition. Every employee is certified.

Bushes and Small Trees

Please complete the following jobs.

- 1) Clean beds of all winter debris. Turn up old mulch. We recommend using a Garden Weasel, as seen in the picture.
<http://www.gardenweasel.com/>
- 2) Add new mulch- no more than 2 to 3 inches, if needed.
- 3) Trim out winter dead from winter damage to bushes and small trees.
- 4) Check health of bushes and your ground cover
- 5) If you have any concerns about the health of any of your trees and shrubs, please contact us.



Some special issues to look for:



Lesser Celandine: It has fleshy dark green, heart-shaped leaves and distinctive flowers with bright yellow, glossy petals. It is now introduced in North America, where it is known by the common name **fig buttercup or marsh marigold** and considered an invasive species. This invasive weed may require multiple application of weed control. More information can be found at:
<https://www.invasiveplantatlas.org/subject.html?sub=3069>

Star of Bethlehem: The flowers are typically bright, waxy and white yet occasionally bluish. They are present April through June on branched, open clusters that reach to about 30 cm high. They consist of 6 petals with a characteristic green stripe on the underside. The leaves are succulent and pale to dark green with a whitish grooved midrib on this cool-season perennial herb. Following this, plants die back to the ground. This invasive weed may require multiple applications of weed control. For more information:
<https://oak.ppws.vt.edu/~flessner/weedguide/otgum.htm>



Poa Trivialis: is a light green grass that creates thick mats of stems, choking out areas of lawn. Because of the off color and rapid growth, it is aesthetically unappealing, as are the thin areas it can leave when it goes dormant in summer. The timing and appearance of the dormancy can look like a fungal infection and is often mistakenly treated as such. At this time, there is no selective

control for Poa Trivialis. For more information:
<http://oak.ppws.vt.edu/~flessner/weedguide/poatr.htm>

Finally, we presently have a few openings. If you know anyone who may be interested in our service, we would appreciate your recommending us.