



Fall Landscape

Preparations (because it is so much more than just a “clean up”) will be starting in the next few weeks and be in full swing by October!

If you would like to be added to the schedule, please call Kim at 309-208-4787.

From Dale’s Desk

2020—A Crazy Year! As much as I could say I wouldn’t want to go through the challenges the days and weeks brought after the fire, the changes that have already been made as a result of those trials have most definitely made us stronger.

This summer has been flying by and we have been busy. By the end of our season, we will have installed multiple patios and firepits, twice as many pools as last year, countless hydrangeas, boxwood, liriopse, oak trees, redbuds and more; helping over 100 clients improve their outdoor spaces! Our crews have done wonderful work! One crew even spent six weeks in Macomb to complete a beautiful landscape transformation.

I am excited about the future. The people that have been added to our team recently bring many complimentary skills, talents and strategies to those that have long been a part of the Stuber Land Design team.

We are more equipped than ever to serve our customers as we work with nature to create and maintain the beautiful outdoors.



Our Rebuild Complete!

Watering

As we step full into Autumn, we start to see plants go dormant and perennials start to die back. While the above ground portion may be nearing an end, underground the root systems of all plants are still quite active, and watering will help to keep them in good health.

We need to modify our watering practices based on the rainfall we get this autumn. Ideally for most established plants we want to deliver **an inch of water per week**. If the rain provides half an inch, we need to provide the other half. Try to do the watering all at once so there is a nice deep watering. Sprinkling just a little bit everyday does not give the plant the water it needs and it promotes fungal diseases. It is very important to continue to water until the soil freezes.

Any newly planted material will need a good supply of water to help them become established. They do not usually need to be watered daily, so you will want to check the soil to see how dry it is.

Pay special attention to evergreens. Since they retain their needles year-round, they can continue to lose water through those needles. Make sure that all evergreens go into winter fully hydrated.



Boxwoods are a versatile staple to our landscaping. Their evergreen foliage provides structure and color to many gardens in the area.

However, there are many new issues with boxwood to be scouting for. Feeding damage from insects can easily be seen and then treated in the spring with an insecticide. Fungal problems can cause leaf discoloration and death. Applying fungicide four times during the season can help control this. Pruning out dead or dying branches will also help keep your boxwood healthy and growing.



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Did you know that fall is the perfect time to plant perennials, trees, and shrubs in your landscape? Plant roots take full advantage of the autumn

weather to grow. Even as air temperatures drop, the soil stays warm for weeks! This creates the perfect environment for plant roots. Come spring/summer next year, your plants can put on more growth/flowers because they are already settled in.

In cold-winter climates, you want to get your plants in the ground about four to six weeks before the ground freezes (when daytime temperatures no longer rise above 32F).



We are ramping up for **Fall Landscape Preparation** season!! In the past we have referred to this season's service as "Fall Cleanup" but we are renaming it **Fall Preparation**, because there is so much more to it than just a quick clean up! Depending on each landscape's individual needs, we'll be doing some pruning, some preventative treatments for insects and disease, fertilization, mulching, leaf and debris removal, bed edging, planting and more! Contact us if you aren't already signed up for this essential service!

Employee Updates

We're continuing to grow! It has been wonderful to welcome these folks to the Stuber Land Design team!

Valerie Wolf, Bryce Sandoval, Ruben Gutierrez and Andy Ruschmeyer have all joined the Landscape Management Services team this past quarter. Valerie works for us part time and focuses on our prairie customers and other projects. Bryce and Ruben are excellent additions and are honing their skills as gardeners. Andy recently joined on as a Crew Leader.

Stacie Aberle has stepped in part time to help with billing and other office duties. Her son, Micah Aberle, also joins our team as our weekend waterer, helping to

keep our plant material healthy during non-business hours.

We are also thrilled to welcome Austin Reel to our team as an estimator and draftsman. As he comes up to speed, he will help make our design process quicker and smoother.

We'd like to recognize some of our third quarter employee anniversaries: Tom Endress (16 years), Althea Adams (15 years), Rogelio Vega (23 years), and Kristen Wettstein (5 years). Thank you for making Stuber Land Design the best it can be!