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Think spring!

I'm sure by now most of you are ready for spring. We have not experienced snowfall amounts like this in several years. Many areas in Wisconsin are dealing with record-breaking snowfall amounts and we are still in February. On the calendar spring is less than a month away. Hopefully we will enjoy an early spring.

Several things to watch for as the snow melts away:

Lawn damage from voles: With a deep, prolonged snow cover we will probably see lots of those tunnels that indicate voles were busy throughout the winter. Don't be alarmed by the tunnels. As weather conditions allow and things dry up, rake away the "loose" grass left by the voles. The damage is generally cosmetic only and the turf will fill in quickly and the tunnels will disappear.

Snow Damage to plants: Snow cover in many cases will act as an insulator. The concern with snow is heavy, wet snowfall that clings to branches and limbs, especially on evergreens. Usually the best practice is to allow the snow to disappear naturally. If you try and remove it by shaking branches or some other means, you may cause unnecessary damage to your plants.

Animal Damage: The snow cover has an effect on food supply available for rabbits, deer and other predators to your plants. The snow cover eliminates the natural food source that might normally be available. Animals are forced to look for other food sources and that may lead them to your plants. Arborvitae, Burning Bushes and Spireas are often first choices but depending on the situation, any plant can be on the menu. Sometimes damage is minimal but it is not usual to see damage that will destroy plant material and necessitate replacement.

We will begin to see nursery stock arriving toward the end of March. By mid to late April we hope to be open and going strong. We will have a large selection of trees, evergreens, perennials and ornamental shrubs available for retail sale. We will also have decorative stone, natural and colored mulches and other hardscape materials available for retail sale. We offer delivery of landscape plants and materials. Landscape design and layout is also available.

Our staff is ready to assist you in any way we can. We are experienced and ready to help you with you landscape project. Whether it be new construction, renovation, a do-it-yourself project, design, installation, materials, questions; whatever, we can help you.

New for 2008 we are offering yard and grounds maintenance. This service will include mowing, turf fertilizing and weed control, plant maintenance, planting bed maintenance and other yard services that you might require. We can put together a maintenance program that you can afford, but most importantly a program that will give you a landscape that you will be proud of. Imagine the extra free time you will have.

We are entering our 35th year of business. Five of our staff members have been with us for over half of those years. That means we have some experienced, hard-working people that are ready to serve your needs.

We enjoy living and doing business in the Manitowoc-Two Rivers area. This is a community of hard-working, honest people who take pride in their homes and surroundings. It has been a privilege for Lakeland Landscape Service to be a part of this community for so many years; we hope to be here for many more.

Thank you citizens of the Manitowoc-Two Rivers community for your support. It is truly appreciated. If not for your support, we could not survive. I hope that as you consider your landscape projects for the upcoming year, you will consider contacting us so that we might be able to offer assistance with your project. If you are new to the community or will be moving to our area in the near future, we welcome you and offer our services to you. References can be furnished upon request.

If you have any questions regarding the services we offer, please call us at 920-682-5707 or use the e-mail link available on this website.

Looking forward to working with you in 2008.

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