



Tips for Spring Spruce Up in Kansas City

Here are some quick tips from Danny Triplett of Westland Landscape on getting your lawn and landscaping back in shape after a long Kansas City winter.

Check for Winter Damage

- Perform a general clean up; pick up dead branches, remove leaves and other debris.
- Evergreen branches: Save those you can! Use string to tie misshapen branches so they can regain their shape.
- Remove any plantings that were damaged by snow shoveling, etc. (see below for tips on replacing dead trees and shrubs.)
- Prune deadwood on trees before sap rises. For a demonstration, watch the HomeSense Spring Spruce Up video.

Replace/Plant New Trees and Shrubs

- Replace dead trees, bushes and shrubs.
- Spring is also a great time to plant trees, bushes and shrubs.

Plant Your Spring Pots

- Even when the weather is still a bit chilly, it's not too early to plant pots and ground plants.
- Make hearty selections like pansies, ornamental grasses, snap dragons, and flowering tail annuals (mid-March).
- Plan to change-out flowers in pots around Mother's Day
- Three color changes a year (early spring, summer, fall) is recommended.
- Fill the bottom of the pots with packaging peanuts. For a demonstration on planting spring pots, watch the HomeSense Curb Appeal video.

Jumpstart the Grass

- Put down pre-emergent in early spring to defend against grassy weeds.
- Add or replace edging to keep grass from growing over beds.
- Cut a new tree ring and add mulch to hold water, protect from mowers, edgers, etc.
- Add new mulch or turn existing mulch (be sure to watch for spring mulch sales).

Sod vs. Seed

- Cutting in sod is recommended in spring over seeding.
- Seed will sprout and grow in spring but not in areas where fertilizers and herbicides have been applied.



- If you can live with the weeds, you can seed and get great results! If you do seed, be sure to mow the new grass twice before using pre-emergent.
- Fall is a better time to seed since weeds are dying back.