

Eastern Shore

2012 Lawn Care Services

Eastern Shore Mowing day for 2012: *Wednesday & Thursday*

Mowing schedule is contingent on weather conditions. Estimate a day forward for each day it rains. Missed mowing will be made up as soon as possible; crews may sometimes work on weekends. Grass will be cut at the standard 2 inches.

Watering: Please don't water after **Monday** during weekly mowing schedule.

Outdoor Cosmetics will provide your lawn services beginning **March 1st**. Mowing of all turf areas surrounding each home weekly with mulching mowers. Absolutely no clumps of grass will be left behind.

These services will be provided weekly:

Trimming with a weed eater of all turf areas around borders, signs, concrete, seawalls, beds, mailboxes etc.

Blade Edging of all curbs, sidewalks, and driveways.

Cleaning Hard surfaces will have clippings removed by blowers. No clippings are to be left on porches, driveways sidewalks, or street gutters and drains. Clippings will not be blown into the street to collect in gutters or into storm drains on the street.

Removal of leaves from all areas by collecting and bagging.

Removal of all debris, limbs, trash, etc., prior to mowing. This will include removal of trash on lakes' edge, washed up by heavy rain.

Scalp Bermuda grass annually.

Basic Pruning of foundation trees and shrubs will be completed quarterly. Outdoor Cosmetics will remove new growth, in accordance with commercial standards of hedge clipping, trimming and pruning.

First Prune: January- prune perennials, plants and limb up & remove dead tree limbs.

Second Prune: May - prune foundation shrubs around homes.

Third Prune: July- prune foundation shrubs around homes.

Fourth Prune: September - Prune foundation shrubs around homes.

Homeowner Responsibilities:

Keep turf area clean of animal feces, toys, furniture on turf, statues, etc.

Turn off irrigation two days in advance

No over watering (Page 2 for setting your irrigation system controller)

Stakes and string at lakeside to repel geese kept in good condition

Animals kept out of yard during mowing

Adding bark mulch to beds and trees

Unlock gate, if applicable

Pricing Information for Additional Services and Items:

Mulching of beds, weeding of beds, renewal pruning and / or pruning directed by the homeowner will be offered at \$25.00 an hour, and billed directly to the homeowner. Outdoor Cosmetics will bill directly to the homeowner and inform the HCOA of services used on an annual basis. These agreements are between contractor and homeowner.

Outdoor Cosmetics will not provide the following: tree removal, removal of landscape plants over 8' in height, or installation of annual color. For these additional services, please call Greg Cole at (256) 390-6628.

Chemical Applications:

7 times yearly- grass

Service provided by *Turf Doctor* includes pre-emergent, broadleaf weed control, slow release fertilizer, granular calcium phosphate, and calcium limestone

7 times yearly- trees and shrubs

Service provided by *Turf Doctor* includes horticulture oil, liquid fish, insecticide, and fungicide

Call Turf Doctor 256-461-6909 if weeds do not die 2 weeks after treatment

Lawn Service Payment Schedule:

January 1, 2012

April 1, 2012

July 1, 2012

October 1, 2012

Quarterly Payments for Eastern Shore: \$265.25

Please make checks out to: HCOA

You may mail your payment, stop by our office, or use the drop box located in our office door.

Hints for Setting Your Irrigation Controller

Most irrigation controllers have 2 programs. You can set program (A) for your flowers and shrubs and the other program (B) for your grass areas. Flowers and shrubs need watering about 3 times a week, but the Bermuda grass only needs 1 watering per week. During extremely hot weather, maybe twice weekly.

Refer to your irrigation controller manual for explicit instructions

Set day of week and time. Be sure to check for AM or PM

Be sure your switch is on "custom (C)" and not on Fixed

Press Program A and set the stations, days, and run time for the flowers and shrubs

Press Program B and set the stations, days, and run time for the grass.

Turn back to Program A and set the dial to "Auto"

Installing a rain sensor so the irrigation system does not run when it rains is another good idea.