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KIEFER LANDSCAPING NEWSLETTER

PUT YOUR PESTS TO REST



Kiefer Landscaping now welcomes Flenner Pest Control to the team!

Termite

Post Construction termite inspections, identification and quotes to treat the property, if needed, is a free service to existing homes and commercial businesses.

Pre-construction termite treatments are a preventative termite control method and treatment is applied during the early construction phase of new buildings/homes. (Applied after foundations are poured but prior to slab concrete pours).

Monthly, Bi-Monthly, Quarterly, Bi-Annual or Annual* Regularly scheduled pest control services are offered depending on insect tolerance levels and specific insect problems being targeted.

One-time services are available to address specific insect issues along with consultation on conducive conditions. Services are designed around the specific insect problem with no contracts or long term commitment required.

Power Spray: Power spraying outside perimeter/foundation area once per year. Treatment prevents insects from invading the home and is especially effective for ants, millipedes, camelback crickets, etc.

Perimeter Treatments on a one time basis or on a regular service schedule* can successfully control outside insects from becoming an inside pest issue.

***Helping you live better, pest free, is our goal. We pride ourselves on individualized service when customer's call, person to person, with specific or unusual pest problems. We can consult with you by phone or in person at your home, solving pest problems with the overall goal of long term control.**



DID YOU KNOW?

- Trees can reduce bothersome noise by 50%
- Well-designed landscaped homes sell faster because of first impressions
- Landscaping can add up to 20% to a homes value
- Your landscape increases in value as it matures
- Landscaping can reduce air conditioning costs up to 50%
- Grass mowed at 3" maintains a deeper root system then one mowed at 1"

Lawn and Landscape Checklist



- Trim spring flowering shrubs after the blossoms fall. Be sure not to trim summer flowering shrubs or perennials or you may be without flowers for the season
- When transplanting trees, shrubs, or perennials, use a root stimulator to avoid plant death
- Fertilize your roses. Try our Systemic Rose Fertilizer that includes an insecticide for only \$12
- Remove all leaves and debris from your lawn and landscape. Debris contains insect eggs that could be carrying diseases.
- Check your lawn and landscape for insect and slug damage. Control them now before they reproduce. We have several new products to control insects, diseases, and fungus.
- Dead head spent blooms.
- Fertilize your lawn as needed. Be sure your pH level is between 6.5 and 7

SPECIALS

- **DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH. COME ENJOY THE HUGE SAVINGS, HAMBURGERS, AND HOTDOGS.**
 - Check out KIEFERLANDSCAPING.com for ideas and more specials!

DESIGN ON A DIME !

Bring in a picture of the area you want landscaped and our designer will share her ideas and will color your world! Be sure to call before you come.



We are currently “trying” to apply the Dandelion and Broadleaf Weed Control step of the Fertilizer Program. However, our crazy Central Illinois weather has us at a stand still!



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TIPS FROM OUR WEED WOMAN



DANDELION ALERT!

- ~If dandelions have already taken over apply AllDown and kill those dandelions down to the root.
- ~Dandelions are often seen in lawns with low calcium levels. Therefore, you may need to increase the calcium level of your lawn. Use nutralime to increase this level
- ~Or apply our reduced risk selective herbicide Clear Choice to control dandelions

Check out WEEDSINLAWN.com

~Tara~

What is Bugging Your Turf

Lawn fungus can be very destructive. Especially with the excessive amounts of rain we have been getting! Keep your eyes peeled for any changes in your lawn!



Brown patch is circular patches of dead grass. They usually start out small and increase in size when the weather warms up. The size can range from two inches to several feet in diameter. There is normally a ring of brown grass surrounding healthy green grass. If brown patch is severe the inside of the ring will be brown also. When the weather is hot and damp a white webbing will be present around the edge. Also, lawns with excessive nitrogen levels are susceptible to brown patch.

CONTROL METHODS

- Be sure to keep mower blades sharp! Dull blades shred leaves and can make lawns more susceptible to disease and insect invasion.
- Aerate your lawn if needed. Diseases such as brown patch could be an indication of soil compaction, excess thatch build up and poor soil structure. Aeration helps reduce all these. In order to have a healthy lawn the top six to ten inches of soil should receive air, water, and nutrients.
- Apply a fungicide before brown patch becomes established in your lawn. If you start to see signs of brown patch, don't wait, take action. Call today for a free estimate on having your lawn sprayed with a preventative fungicide.
- When brown patch is severe you will want to bag your lawn clippings. This will help prevent the disease from spreading to the rest of the lawn.