

CALENDAR

JUNE

- Monitor turf and shrub disease and insects, maintain an active spray program
- Fertilize and prune Azaleas
- Deadhead annuals and perennials as needed
- Apply pre and post emergence herbicides as needed
- Cut back and mulch daffodils when foliage dies
- Continue fertilization of trees and shrubs
- Monitor and treat Japanese beetles

JULY

- Monitor all turf and shrub disease and insects, maintain active spray program
- Deadhead annuals and perennials as needed
- Apply post emergence herbicides as needed
- Monitor and treat Japanese beetles
- Prune Roses to encourage fall bloom

AUGUST

- Monitor all turf and shrub disease and insects, maintain active spray program

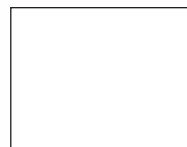
- Deadhead annuals and perennials as needed
- Apply post emergence herbicides as necessary
- Take soil samples for fall flower beds

SEPTEMBER

- Aerate and overseed fescue turf
- Continue to monitor insect, disease, and weed activity
- Deadhead annuals and perennials as needed
- Root prune Wisteria that failed to bloom to encourage blooming next year



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The Latest Dirt

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The Groundskeeper

Dear Friends:

There's an inherent value in planning ahead, especially in landscaping and gardening. Sometimes all you need is a nudge or reminder that working one season ahead is a good practice.



To avoid the blahs of the colder weather, now is the time to think about ways to make your yard more attractive all year long. Hardscapes, such as walkways, winding stone walls, patios and fire pits, are excellent ways to increase the visual and functional appeal of your landscape. You may have a spot or two that can be improved with just a few changes.

Use this time to make plans for cool-season work, building on the foundation of spring and summer focal points already in place, such as specimen shrubs or waves of perennial color. While your garden is in full bloom, we can take the time to inventory plants to move during the fall – which is the best time for transplanting.

Call on Beth Garmon with our professional design staff to assist you with making the most of the assets you already have. We can begin planning now to be ready to go in the ideal planting time: fall and winter.

Sincerely,

Steve Murray
President, New Leaf
Landscape Services

Quick Tips

Ask us about drip irrigation, the most efficient way to use water to keep your landscape green and lush. The new watering guidelines now allow drip irrigation, and it can go a long way toward protecting your landscape investment when installed properly.

A summer application of mulch is a win-win for homeowners. First, it helps hold in moisture for your plants, trees and shrubs. Second, it keeps weeds at bay. Either hardwood mulch or pine straw works well and we can install it for you.

To avoid warm-season turf problems, call us for your core aeration. Also proper watering – one inch of water once a week – will help keep diseases at bay and do the best for your lawn.

Fire ants are a summer nuisance that can be easily controlled with the proper application of baits. If you're a regular maintenance customer, we'll keep on top of mounds that pop up. However a total yard treatment will work very well to decrease the spread of these pests. We can treat your entire yard and rid you of the risk of recurring mounds.

Call Melanie in our office at 678-450-6599 to set up an appointment regarding any of these services.



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Employee Spotlight

Stepping Stones



Matt Pugh, Landscape Installation Field Manager

As the newest member of the New Leaf Landscape Services family, Matt is our landscape installation field manager. He actually joined the staff of New Leaf last fall as an intern.

When he graduated from North Georgia Technical College with his associate

degree in Turf and Golf Course Management he became a full-time employee of New Leaf.

He is working directly with New Leaf Landscape Architect Beth Garmon.

"I love what I do because I just don't like sitting still and being indoors," he says. "I'm learning new things, especially about seasonal pruning."

A native of Gainesville, Matt graduated from North Hall High School. When he's not working outdoors, he enjoys hunting and fishing, plus being with his friends.

Our Roots Run Deep; 20 Years in Business

This year, we celebrate 20 years in the landscape business. The foundation of New Leaf Landscape Services was created in 1989, and current owner Steve Murray purchased the company in 2001 and renamed the business New Leaf Landscape Services in 2002. We're pleased to have served the community for 20 years with professionalism and quality services.

Intern Joins New Leaf for Summer

Help us welcome Jai Means back to New Leaf Landscape Services. He's our summer intern and a rising 5th-year student at the University of Georgia in Landscape Architecture.

"I've been involved in landscaping since high school, particularly with drafting," Jai says. "Combine that with my love of being outdoors and landscape architecture is a natural course of study for me."

Jai, a graduate of Habersham High School, will be working in all aspects of the company, from field work to being mentored by New Leaf Landscape Architect Beth Garmon.

A native of Cornelia, Jai is no stranger to New Leaf. A few years ago he worked with us on our maintenance crews.

When he's not studying or working, Jai enjoys playing softball in his church league and playing sports.

"I'm very fortunate to be working with Steve and Beth and the rest of the staff here at New Leaf," he says. "It's a great learning environment."



Jai Means

Summer Pruning and Maintenance

When was the last time you had your shrubs and trees pruned? It's necessary to stimulate good growth during the summer season and also helps with reshaping and invigorating plants.

Our staff knows which plants to prune when for the best results. For instance, plants that bloom on old growth should be pruned after they bloom for maximum color next year. Now is a great time to call us for pruning if you're not a year-round maintenance customer.

If you are a year-round maintenance client, we're doing some sort of pruning weekly at the proper times for your plants. However, if you're not, call us at 678-450-6599 to get on the schedule.

Linwood Playground Project Moves Forward

The foundation work for Phase I of the Linwood Apartments Playground in Gainesville is complete. As a community project of New Leaf Landscape Services, we have graded and installed landscape timbers and child-safe mulch, thanks in part to a generous donation from Lakewood Baptist Church toward the \$12,000 project budget.

Our next step is building the playground with new equipment. We've donated the design and labor and now are seeking community support for this worthwhile project. If you'd like to know more, call us at 678-450-6599 and ask for Beth.

Earn \$100 for Referring New Customers

New Leaf is offering \$100 off your next invoice for referring new customers to us. Let your neighbors in on the secrets of your landscape success by sharing our information with them. Be sure to tell them to use your name when they call to make an appointment for free consultation for landscape design, ongoing maintenance or seasonal projects. It's easy and your neighbors will thank you!

