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Early Spring

WELCOME
TO A BRAND-NEW
GROWING SEASON



"Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's Party!'"
– Robin Williams

We think Mr. Williams hit the nail on the head with that quote! There's no doubt about it: After a dull and dreary winter, the first signs of spring will put a bounce in anyone's step. Birds are singing, flowers are blooming, the sun is shining, and the air just feels ripe with possibilities. At Silvis Group, we're always excited about the potential each new growing season brings, and we're especially pleased to be working with you to keep your property looking its best.

We're here whenever you need us, so please don't hesitate to call anytime you have a question or concern. Your satisfaction is our first priority, and we hope you'll let us know if there's anything we can do to improve your experience with us.

Working together, we can make your property more beautiful and more valuable...while enhancing the quality of the environment we all share.

Kicking Crabgrass to the Curb

SUCCESSFUL CONTROL INCREASES WITH PREVENTION

The rules of crabgrass control are really very simple. Do nothing, and your lawn stands the chance of being overrun by this clumpy, coarse-textured, all-around unsightly weed. Take preventative action, on the other hand, and crabgrass can be kept in check.

MAINTAINING HEALTHY TURF IS THE FIRST STEP

Every lawn has crabgrass seeds in the soil, and these seeds are more likely to grow when turf doesn't receive adequate care. Regular fertilization, proper mowing, good watering practices, and insect and disease control will all promote a thicker lawn that is less likely to be marred by crabgrass. Silvis Group can help with our lawn maintenance services.

PRE-EMERGENTS TAKE IT A STEP FURTHER

For even better control, Silvis Group can apply pre-emergent herbicides to your lawn. As their name suggests, pre-emergent herbicides stop crabgrass plants from emerging by inhibiting seed germination in the soil.

To get the best results from pre-emergents, proper application, timing and follow-up care are essential.

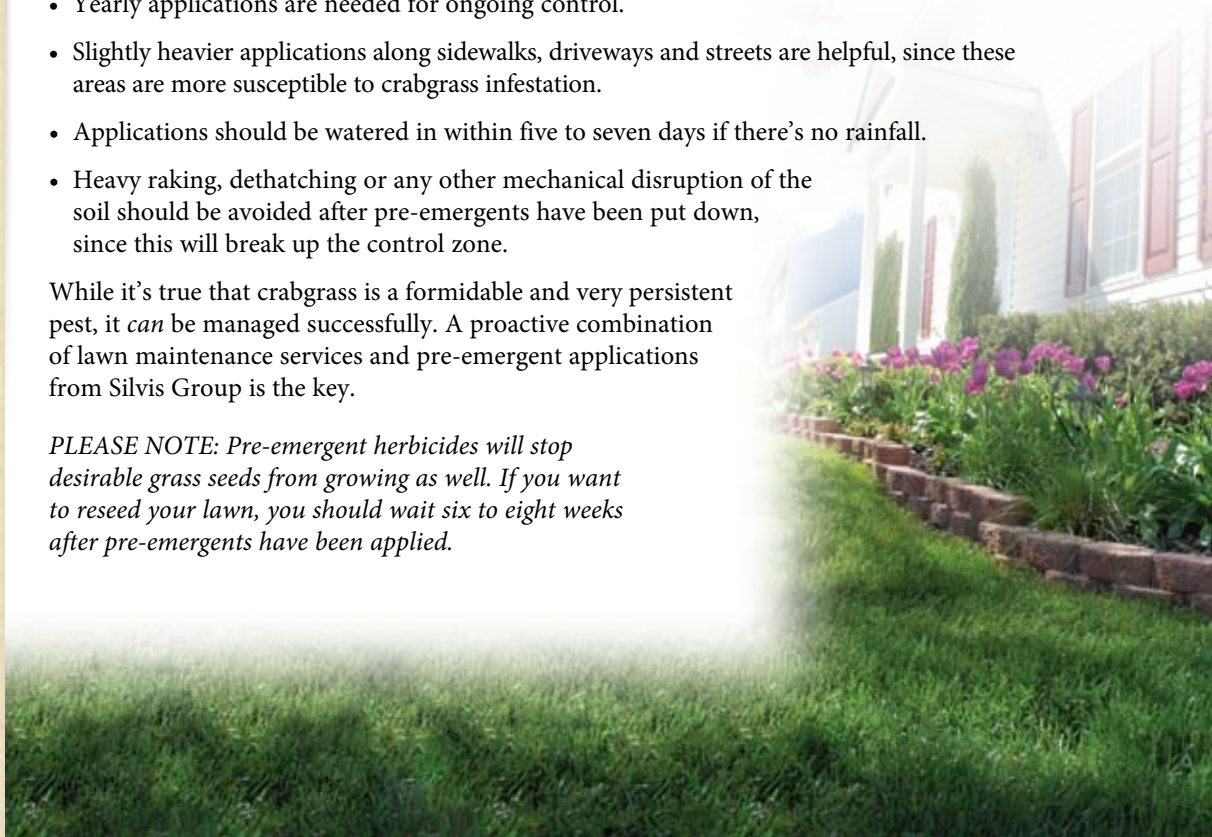
- Pre-emergents must be on the lawn before crabgrass seeds begin germinating.
- Yearly applications are needed for ongoing control.
- Slightly heavier applications along sidewalks, driveways and streets are helpful, since these areas are more susceptible to crabgrass infestation.
- Applications should be watered in within five to seven days if there's no rainfall.
- Heavy raking, dethatching or any other mechanical disruption of the soil should be avoided after pre-emergents have been put down, since this will break up the control zone.

While it's true that crabgrass is a formidable and very persistent pest, it *can* be managed successfully. A proactive combination of lawn maintenance services and pre-emergent applications from Silvis Group is the key.

PLEASE NOTE: Pre-emergent herbicides will stop desirable grass seeds from growing as well. If you want to reseed your lawn, you should wait six to eight weeks after pre-emergents have been applied.



Regular fertilization from Silvis Group helps to prevent crabgrass growth.



No Property is Complete Without an Outdoor Room!

One of the biggest trends in landscaping is expanding the home's indoor living space with an outdoor room, and there are lots of ways to do this.

FIRST, CONSIDER PRIVACY

To ensure that your outdoor room offers ample privacy, you'll want to incorporate a screen around the perimeter. Combining a variety of trees, shrubs and perennials is an effective way to do this and will generally be more pleasing to the eye than traditional fencing materials. However, keep in mind that it may take several years for your screen to grow in fully depending on the plant species you choose.

THEN, CONSIDER THE IMPROVEMENTS

Depending on your needs and desires, there are all kinds of additions you can make to your outdoor room. Among the more popular:

- **Decks and patios** – You'll need plenty of room for deck chairs, and maybe even built-in benches for additional seating. Consider where your grill and any container plantings will be situated too. Brick, stone or interlocking pavers are good materials to use for patios, and synthetic decks are becoming increasingly popular due to their ease of maintenance.

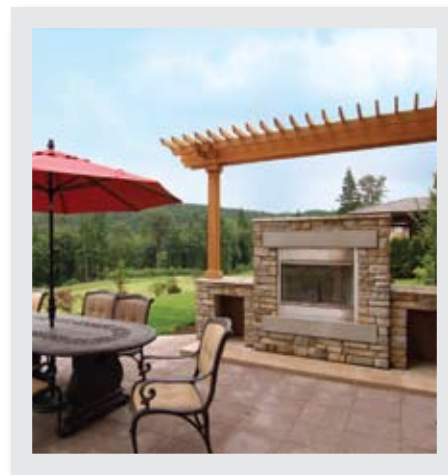
- **Outdoor kitchens** – These can be as simple as a built-in grill, a countertop and an undercounter refrigerator. Or, you can go all out with a brick oven, beer dispensers, patio heaters, wok cookers, stainless steel sinks, and even warming drawers.

- **Spas or hot tubs** – These make any outdoor room enticing and come in various sizes depending on how many people you need to accommodate. Remember that regular maintenance will be necessary.

- **Awnings or arbors for shade** – Awnings can be fixed or retractable and will provide solid shade along with a convenient escape from any summer showers that may pop up. If you'd rather go with partial shade, a vine-covered arbor and trellis structure can filter the sun without blocking it out completely.

- **Water features** – From simple birdbaths and small ponds to gurgling fountains and cascading waterfalls, every outdoor room can benefit from the sights and sounds of a water feature.

- **Fireplaces** – These are perfect for nighttime entertaining, and can help to extend the use of your outdoor room into the colder months.



Outdoor fireplaces are perfect for nighttime entertaining.

- **Lighting** – Low-voltage lighting fixtures are a must if you want to use your outdoor room at night. They can increase visibility while enhancing the room's nighttime visual appeal.

With a carefully designed and constructed outdoor room, you'll be making the most of your living space while increasing the overall value of your property. That's an investment worth making!

The first step is easy. Simply call Silvis Group to schedule a consultation with one of our professional landscape designers today.



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Outdoor cooking has come a long way in the past few years.