

Yard Maintenance Checklist

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- Spring Yard Maintenance
 - Rake shrub beds and yards.
 - Bag debris.
 - Apply a couple of inches of mulch to help retain water to feed your shrubs and plants.
 - Seed bare or sparse spots.
 - Don't prune trees and shrubs that flower.
- Fall Yard Maintenance
 - Wooden posts or braces may need repainting or treating to prevent rotting or destruction by termites.
 - Check for nails that are drawing out.
 - On trellises, check for loose or hanging vines.
 - Check masonry walls for loose stones or mortar.
 - Keep benches and lawn chairs in good repair.
 - Inspect the walks.
 - Loose steps, or loose stones in steps, should be checked and repaired.
 - Remove overgrown or underdeveloped plants.
 - Replace and secure steps, realign stones to catch and hold moisture.
 - Clean and repair the garden pool.
 - Check and repair all mechanisms that keep any fountains in operation during the spring and summer seasons.