

# 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.