

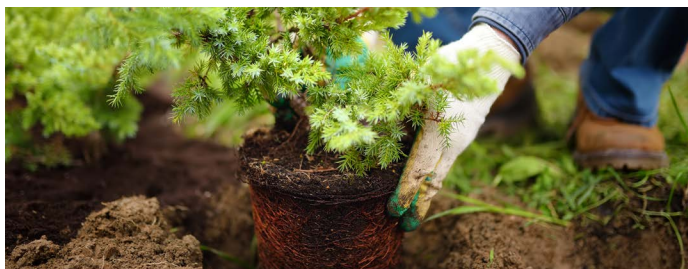
## YOUR SUMMER COMMERCIAL LANDSCAPING CHECKLIST

### Get things growing in the right direction this summer

A big part of getting your landscaping ready for summer in North Texas means taking steps to safeguard it against the heat and increased foot traffic that can stress or damage your turf. Use this easy checklist to ensure you and your commercial landscaping partner have your summer prep covered.

#### 1. Make sure planting is done

Late spring is a great time to plant many types of trees, shrubs and flowers in Dallas/Ft. Worth. Your commercial landscaping partner will know the best planting times for specific plants, but getting them in the ground early in the season gives them time to acclimate before the hottest temps arrive.



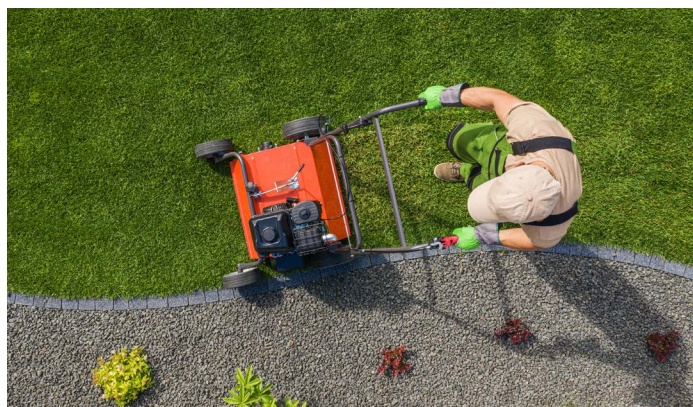
#### 2. Mulching makes a difference

Mulching offers numerous benefits, from improving the quality of your soil and discouraging weeds to helping the soil retain water. Turn over old mulch and add some fresh mulch as part of your summer commercial landscaping prep.

#### 3. Aerate for better growth

Aerating your turf helps remove excess thatch buildup and promotes growth at the roots, which helps grass survive the Dallas summer heat. Your commercial landscaping partner can manage this task for you, helping your lawn bounce back after the winter.

Plus, clay soil is more common in North Texas than in other parts of the country, and aeration can be especially helpful for this naturally dense soil type.



#### 4. Apply fertilizer

Fertilizing in spring can give your turf the nutrients it needs to help protect it from the stresses of the prolonged heat and frequent mowing that it'll be subjected to all summer. Test your soil first to see what it needs and proceed accordingly.



## 5. Let your grass grow

Once the summer heat hits, have your commercial landscaping partner adjust their mowers so your grass stays a little taller. This can help it maintain moisture at the roots so it's less likely to dry out. And remember, some grass types are better at surviving the North Texas summer heat than others. Consider Bermuda grass, buffalo grass, zoysia grass and St. Augustine grass. In some instances, especially around specialty or high traffic areas, synthetic grass may be a viable solution.



## 6. Use soil moisture sensors

[Soil moisture-based irrigation controllers](#) can help enhance your landscaping and make efficient use of water by detecting how much moisture is in the soil and overriding irrigation systems when watering isn't needed.



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