



Executive GardenCare Program Specifications 2023

Spring Clean Up Visit – Occurs between mid-February – late-March

1. Remove debris from lawn areas and debris and visible weeds from plant beds. Note that weeds reappear on an ongoing basis during the growing season. Plant bed weeds not seen at the time of the spring clean up will be removed at subsequent scheduled weekly visit on a rotating schedule. Perennial weeds in beds and lawns will be controlled by hand weeding and/or the application of a natural organic foliage killer applied directly to the weed.
2. Surface fertilize shrubs, small trees less than twelve feet (12'), perennials and ground covers with an appropriate natural organic fertilizer.
3. Re-edge plant beds with mechanical edger or by hand where mechanical edger cannot be used.
4. Prune shrubs and small trees less than twelve feet (12') ^(I) plus perennials and ground covers in order to maintain a controlled growth habit and appearance. Mow liriope to 4" where accessible by a lawn mower and hand shear in beds not accessible by a mower.
5. Scarify existing mulch layer and top dress mulch areas to maintain a nominal depth of one and one half to two inches (1 ½ -2") of mulch using our standard shredded hardwood bark mulch. ^(III)

Weekly GardenCare Visits – 28 per year – Occurs between early April and October

1. Weekly lawn mowing will occur as needed. During the hot summer months when the lawn does not grow at least ½" or the grass is under drought stress mowing will not occur. During the spring lawns will not be mowed if they are too wet where mowing would be harmful to the grass area. Mowing begins in early April and continues through the end of October. Grass will be mowed at a height 3 – 3 1/2 inches.
2. Lawns will be mowed with mulching mowers that prepare the grass clippings to recycle back into your lawn's ecosystem. *We do not collect lawn clipping* since allowing them to return to the soil profile provides additional fertility and structure to the soil. Mechanically string trim edges along paved surfaces and plant beds at every other visit, approximately fourteen (14) times per season.
3. Plant beds will be weeded on a rotating basis and the debris removed at each weekly visit. Weeds will be controlled by hand weeding in high visibility areas and by natural organic foliage killer in less visible areas and/or in large beds.
4. Minor pruning of shrubs and small trees less than twelve feet (12') ^(I) plus perennials and ground covers in order to maintain a controlled growth habit and appearance during the service period. ^(IV)
5. Power blow hard surface areas as needed.
6. All organic debris removed from your garden will be recycled in our *GreenWaste* recycling program to produce compost.
7. During October visits partial, *but not complete*, leaf removal will occur at each visit. We focus on the *lawn areas*, saving most of the bed areas until your final leaf removal visit.



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One (1) Final Fall Leaf Removal - Occurs once in December

1. The (28) weekly visits end in October and leaves will be removed from your lawn areas during the late October visits. Additionally, your garden will be visited one final time for leaf removal in December to remove leaves and debris from your lawn and plant beds. The leaves removed from your garden will be placed at the curb for city or county pick up in neighborhoods where this service is provided. Leaves will be placed in wooded area on your property if available. Otherwise leaves will be removed from your property and will be recycled in our *GreenWaste* recycling program to produce compost.

Footnotes

General Note: Debris removal from major storm damage is not covered with your service and will be billed as a Time and Materials extra charge.

- I. Trees and shrubs exceeding twelve feet (12') in height and plants that require specialized pruning, such as large hedges, espaliers, topiaries, and pollards are not included in standard programs. These needs and other major structural pruning can be added as an extra Horticultural Service.
- II. Bed areas containing ericaceous plants may be mulched with compost or pine bark fines where appropriate and at a mulch depth of a nominal one inch (1"). This feature can be added as an extra Horticultural Service or be incorporated into your program upon request at an extra charge.
- III. 28 weekly visits are included in your program. Additional visits can be requested and will be billed as a Time and Materials Extra.
- IV. Additional pruning occurrences can be requested and will be billed as a Time and Materials Extra.