



**GARDEN GATE**  
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**Monthly GardenCare Program Specifications 2024**

**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. (II)

**Monthly GardenCare Visits – 7 per year (III) – Occurs monthly April – October**

1. Plant beds will be weeded on a rotating basis and the debris removed at each monthly 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.
2. Twice 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 as needed during the service period.
3. All organic debris removed from your garden will be recycled in our *GreenWaste* recycling program to produce compost.

**Fall Leaf Removal – Occurs one (1) time during November – December**

1. Your garden will be visited one (1) time during the fall, late-November through mid-December to remove leaves and debris from your lawn and plant beds. The leaves removed from your garden will be recycled in our *GreenWaste* recycling program to produce compost.

**Fall Clean Up – Occurs in November – December**

1. Remove debris from lawn areas and debris and visible weeds from plant beds.
2. Re-edge plant beds with mechanical edger or by hand where mechanical edger cannot be used.
3. Re-mulch bed 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. Bed areas containing ericaceous plants will be mulched with compost or pine bark fines where appropriate and at a mulch depth of a nominal one inch (1") to assist in pH control.



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**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.