

The Scoop on Bird Poop

As the weather warms and we all clean the winter “crud” from our cars, we can all relate to finding bird poop on our shined-up ride. But did you know that that plop of yuck is not only bird poop, it is also urine. Both come out of the same organ on a bird. Since birds have a revved-up metabolism, they take as many as 50

bathroom breaks a day. Now that is overactive bladder!

Goose droppings are not the only birds whose poop can become a breeding ground for pathogens that cause fungal infections in the lungs. Dried droppings can become airborne as dust and then inhaled. This can be very serious for

those with weakened immune systems.

Bird poop is very acidic and can eat away at decks and patio furniture. If you leave some on your vehicle for an extended period of time, it will permanently damage the finish. Usually a damp sponge and dish soap will do the trick to remove the poop.

Ponderings

Here we are, fast into another year. It seems unreal that we are working on our 27th season. As always, we have evaluated what has worked and what needed tweaking, and there will be a few changes for 2016.

There will be two, instead of three, water garden maintenance options. The two plans will allow you to use the visits in any time period or one year maximum, and will include an opening, a winterizing, and your net removed once and installed once.

The two programs are either ten visits or twenty visits.

The ten cleaning or service visits cost \$750.00

The twenty visit option costs \$900.00.

Neither plan includes major repairs and is for one average-size pond.

SUMMARY:

Maintenance10-Spring opening, 10 cleanings or service checks, and winterizing for \$750.00.

Maintenance20-Spring opening, 20 cleanings or service checks, and winterizing for \$900.00.

BOTH include 1x net installation, and 1x net removal, one spring opening, and one winterizing. You have a maximum of one year to use the total number of visits. Year begins from the date of spring opening. Account must be paid in full and in good standing. Either Maintenance10 or Maintenance20, the cost must be paid in full before we will begin.

Lawn Wiser

We will NOT be accepting any **new** lawn mowing clients in 2016 unless you either

- 1) are a former lawn mowing client
- 2) choose two or more services from our property management menu.

For Example:

Two years ago we mowed your lawn for you, but you tried to tackle it on your own last year. This year you ask for our help again, and we would accept.

Or, you have never used our lawn mowing service but would like to. You can sign up for lawn mowing and one other service. i.e. lawn treatments, pond maintenance, or

flower planting.

That makes you a Property Management Client and we would be thrilled to have you on board. These accounts are paid monthly.

Questions?

Call 330-833-FROG

Daffodils

I wander'd lonely as a cloud that floats on high o'er vales and hills,

When all at once I saw a crowd, a host of golden daffodils:

Beside the lake, beneath the trees, fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine and twinkle on the Milky Way, they stretch'd in never-ending line along the margin of a bay:

Ten thousand saw I at a

glance, tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they out-did the sparkling waves in glee:

A poet could not but be gay, in such a jocund company:



March, Easter, Daffodils

I gazed-and gazed-but little thought what wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie in vacant or in pensive mood, they flash upon that inward eye which is the bliss of solitude; and then my heart with pleasure fills, and dances with the daffodils.

By Wm Wordsworth (1770-1850)

Goose Nuisance?

There are four top reasons Canadian Geese are considered a nuisance, even though I'm sure we could come up with many more. The four most often touted as the top reasons are:

4. Canadian Geese overgraze lawns, trample turf and eat crops.

3. During nesting, geese can be aggressive and territorial.

2. Droppings contain nitrogen, bacteria and viruses that create a health concern.

And the number one reason Canadian Geese are a nuisance is -

Each goose on a property leaves one to three pounds of droppings per day.



“Vic, our specially trained Border Collie, is ready to control the geese at your property.”

Lake Life

The Russians are coming! The Russians are coming!

Well, okay, not really, but these little invaders are from the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea and are overtaking lakes and reservoirs in North America. The economic impact is in the billions of dollars annually even though they are only about the size of a quarter.

We're talking about the Zebra Mussel. What makes them so

difficult to control is something called byssal fibers. These allow the mussels to attach to any hard surface and they reproduce up to one million per year per mussel.

Zebra Mussels were accidentally introduced into the United States in 1988.

One of the most efficient ways to

stop the spread of the mussels, is by inspecting all boats when they are removed from water and especially if they are going to be re-introduced to another body of water. Also inspect trailers and equipment and drain the water from your boat, motor, bilge, live wells, and bait containers. High pressure washing with hot water also helps.



Inspect your boat and motor for zebra mussels.



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