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### **Jay Birds**

We all know squirrels bury food for winter, but did vou know Blue Javs are one of the species of birds that also does food storing? Jays often collect more acorns than they can eat and actually bury the excess in the around or in a tree crevice for future use. Blue Jays have been known to recover and re-hide their treasures, if they observed other animals watching during the initial concealment process. Biologists believe that most of the natural disbursement of oak trees in our area is the result of acorn "planting" by Blue Jays.

Storing and remembering where to find hidden food requires a lot of brain power, so, it is not surprising that biologists rank the jay at the top of the intelligence list of birds.

Other birds that store

seeds for the winter are titmice, nuthatches, black-capped chickadees, and crows.

Take a moment to observe the birds in your backyard. They are very busy this time of year getting ready for winter. No excuses for them! We should all heed their advice.





NEED A POND NET INSTALLED? GIVE US A CALL.

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## **Ponderings**

This is the time of year that can often get away from pond owners when it comes to keeping the debris out of their pond. In the spring, most people are anxious to get everything spruced up after the cold, winter season, and to spend time outdoors. By now though, each of us can come up with a thousand excuses why we just don't have the time. However, as the leaves

begin leaving the trees and floating their way into your pond, it is imperative you keep them from filling up the bottom of the pond. It is the decaying debris that utilizes the oxygen in the pond, and when left there all winter, can be the culprit for fish kills. Many pond owners will put a net over their pond. That is certainly a huge help in keeping out unwanted

leaves and debris, but make sure to give the pond a good netting on the bottom prior to putting the net over the top.

If you get behind on your fall chores, give us a call. We'd be glad to help. Always check our mobile app for monthly specials and then give us a call at 330-833-FROG.

### Landscaping

Fall is a busy pruning season when it comes to your landscaping. It is also a good time to rework your mulch beds once more to loosen up the mulch and soil, and perhaps add some additional soil to protect bare spots against the freezing temperatures that will be

arriving soon. Besides planting mums, asters, and flowering kale, or fall -flowering bulbs, now is the time to add springflowering bulbs. October is the ideal time before the ground gets too frozen to decide where you would like more spring color with daffodils, hya-

cinths, tulips and crocus; just to name the most popular with homeowners.

We are here to help with leaf clean-up, pond winterizing, mulching or pruning.

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# **Lawnderings**

There are two more lawn treatments we will be administering before the season is complete. The end of September we will be applying the final fertilizing treatment. Then in late fall, there will be the final lawn treatment, which is one of the most valuable. If you can't afford purchasing all five treat-

ments we offer for the season, you may wish to consider giving your yard the final curtain call. The high-potassium nutrients are absorbed and remain dormant throughout the winter, but are called to action early in the spring to give your lawn a needed boost after our winter season.

Call for a free estimate. Our office number is 330-833-FROG or you may call or text Denny on his business cell at 330-685-3637.





#### **Border Patrol for Goose Control**

Vic is getting one last vacation in the end of September and then his busy season begins. As Autumn continues, if you notice Canadian Geese hanging around for bonfires, it's time to seriously think about sending them back to their homeland. Vic works right on through the winter months and by doing so you are stacking the odds in your favor that these pesky creatures will not nest on your property.

We offer goose control services for both residential and commercial properties. Because of the

water temp and the possibility of ice danger, we use a remote boat when possible and an approved laser.

Neither our dog, Vic, the remote boat, or the laser light is harmful to geese.

"Vic, our specially trained Border Collie, is ready to control the geese at

your property."

#### **Lake Life**

We are currently scheduling the removal, cleaning and storage of aerator/fountain units. We wait as long as possible to remove units. Sometimes the guys are chipping ice away to get through the water. After removal, it is returned to

our building and the fountain or aerator is power washed, tagged, and stored in the heated building for the remainder of the winter. Pond Wiser re-installs the unit as soon as the spring weather allows. All of this is at the cost of \$200. This cost does

not cover repairs and we are not responsible for the functioning of the unit when reinstalled. Pond Wiser will gladly handle warranty issues for you. Please notify us as soon as possible so we can get you on the schedule.