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Seems like it been a long winter doesn't it. The first heavy snow came in early December and there is still some evidence remaining that reminds us that 2010-2011 was quite "snowy."

As the snow disappears we will face some of the same issues that we typically face in spring. Tunnels in our lawn from the rodents (Voles) that were busy during the winter. Usually all that is required is to rake the lose turf foliage away and the grass will begin self-restoration.

Snow mold is also a common occurrence. You might notice a pinkish or grey web-like substance on the foliage of your turf. Once things dry out, you can just remove the material, again by raking and that should take care of it.

Plant damage is also evident on both deciduous and conifer plants. That is due mainly to the heavy, wet snow that fell in December. Damage can range from minor (Plants will recover on their own or some minor pruning might be required) to severe damage that might require major pruning or even plant replacement. If you have some plant or turf issues that are causing some concern, let us know and we will help you evaluate your particular situation and provide you with information and/ or assistance in making things right.

If you are into turf fertilization, you should be thinking about application one: fertilizer and pre-emergent (Crabgrass) treatment. You should make sure that you have this application completed by around May 10 of this year. Broadleaf weed control will be application number two. You can use a combination weed & feed or just simply apply weed control. Just a general comment: Granular-type fertilizers are generally best since they provide a consistent, slow-release feeding to your turf. Liquid weed control products generally work best since you get better foliar contact with liquid products.

If you are considering new construction or thinking about giving your landscape a facelift, we can certainly help you. From the initial planning phase to completion; do-it-yourself or have it done; we can provide the plan, the materials and labor, along with a 100% guarantee on plants you purchase from Lakeland Landscape.

As we look forward to our 2011 planting and growing season, I hope we have opportunity to meet somewhere during your landscaping process. If you need help, please feel free to contact us. We can provide a unique design for that is tailored to meet your expectations as well as your budget. Landscapes, hardscapes, delivery of mulch, decorative stone, topsoil, plants and other landscape materials, we can provide you with everything you need to create or restore your landscape.

Have a great spring and summer.

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