

# Up On Sprinkle Creek News

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## Quarterly Update and Expectations:

### Pruning, pruning, and weeds!!! We are trying to keep up with both.

Throughout the summer Sprinkle Creek Landscaping (SCL) will keep up with a mowing schedule that revolves around the growing conditions. Most lawns are a fescue blend that go through a dormant period in the hot dry weather. We will continue to mow to keep a healthy height of 3".

Pruning of all shrubbery will continue through the summer as needed. If you would like to maintain your own pruning, please let us know. Weeds will be sprayed and pulled to keep a well maintained bed. In areas that have not been mulched, it may be harder for us to keep up with the weeds.

We will keep an eye out for any disease or pest problems and treat as necessary. It is our policy to treat pests during their life cycle they are most susceptible to treatment. It will vary depending on the pest when the best time to treat them.

Soil test results were received and we will be reviewing the results to determine if there needs to be any changes made to our routine fall aerate, over-seed and fertilizing schedule.

We are trying to keep your grounds maintained as best as possible but sometimes we can't get to things as quickly as we (or you) would like. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

We are already making plans for fall so please let us know if you have any installation plans that we need to get on the schedule. Some things to start thinking about are treating the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, installing new plantings, hardscaping, transplanting or dividing perennials, landscape lighting and lawn refurbishment.

It's not too late to mulch. Mulching beds helps to retain moisture and control weeds so if you would like any of your beds mulched please let us know.

Sprinkle Creek is  
on the web!!!

Check us out at:  
[www.sprinklecreek.com](http://www.sprinklecreek.com)

**Sprinkle Creek  
Landscaping** is

committed to designing,  
maintaining and installing  
landscapes that are  
sustainable to our clients  
and the environment. We  
like to use native plants  
grown locally.

### It's hot:

Containers keep their  
color through the summer!  
If you would like any  
recommendations or a  
few planters designed for  
you, please let us know.

### Going Native:

Installing native plants helps  
support local wildlife, reduce  
water requirements and  
reduce maintenance  
requirements. Please let us  
know if you are interested in  
learning more or installing  
some natives.



## Pest Awareness:

Cicada damage- I never thought the buzzing of the cicadas was going to end. At times it was pleasant but sometimes it felt as if they were in my head. Now that they have settled down, the damage they have done to plants is evident. If you look at an Oak tree in an area where the cicadas were located, most of the tips of their branches are dead. The cicadas lay their eggs in the limbs of trees (my blueberries too) and then the end of the limb dies (un-ripened blueberries too). The damage is bad in some areas. There are some areas where the damage is very bad and it looks like all the edges of the trees are dead and dying. This damage will not be fatal to the plant and should bounce back (smaller) next year.

Hemlock Woolly Adelgid- Fall is the best time for soil injection treatment. Please let us know if you have any hemlocks you would like treated with the soil injection. We would be happy to provide you with an estimate.

Insects to watch for: slugs; lace bugs on azalea, rhododendron, pyracantha, cotoneaster, pieris; spidermites on many shrubs; bagworms on junipers, cypress, arborvitae, cedars.

For other pest information see [http://ipm.ncsu.edu/current\\_ipm/pest\\_news.html](http://ipm.ncsu.edu/current_ipm/pest_news.html). This website issues pest news updates throughout the year.

## Landscaping Care Reminders:

Water plants at least 1" per week that appear stressed or damaged. Last year was extremely harsh growing conditions for all plants. The combination of freeze, thaw, freeze, high winds, and then the drought really took a toll on many species of plants. This year we are still seeing the effects of the stress from last year. When a plant gets stressed, it is more susceptible to pests and disease. We are hoping that the growing conditions will be better this year and the plants will be stronger going into winter this year. This should help make them healthier to fight off pests and disease next year. Please make us aware of any serious problems.

**Be Water-wise!** We are again in a time of drought. It is important to water only the plants that are newly installed or are suffering from stress. If you have selected the right plant for the right place, you will not have to water it after its first year or two of installation. For more information on water restrictions and plant information visit the website [www.tarheelgardening.com](http://www.tarheelgardening.com)

# Featured Plant:

## Hydrangea Arborescens 'Annabelle'

Information taken directly from:

[http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/hort/consumer/factsheets/shrubs/hydrangea\\_arborescen-annab.html](http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/hort/consumer/factsheets/shrubs/hydrangea_arborescen-annab.html)



**Hardiness Zone:** 4 to 9

**Habit:** Deciduous

**Growth rate:** Fast

**Site Requirements:** Sun to partial shade; moist, well-drained soil; not drought tolerant

**Height:** 3 to 4 feet

**Width:** 3 to 5 feet

**Texture:** Coarse

**Form:** Upright; arching stems

**Flower/Fruit:** White flowers on 8 to 12" flattened corymb in summer; opens white then turns green and brown

**Foliage:** Opposite, simple, bright dark green leaves; 3 to 7" long; non-showy fall color

**Comments:** Freely suckers; flowers on new growth so prune in early spring

# Beautiful throughout the summer!

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## Points of Interest:

Sprinkle Creek Landscaping is proud to be a part of the Southern Living Green Idea House 2008. In May we completed the installation at the house located in Whisper Mountain, Leicester, NC. The house is now open to the public and we are really proud of the landscaping. All of the plants are Native to Western NC and were grown locally. For more information and directions go to: <http://www.whispermountainnc.com/homes.php#ideahome>

\*\*\*Time to start thinking about Fall!  
Please call early to schedule any design or installation consultations. We are already booking jobs so now is the time to start thinking about what you want your landscaping to look like next Spring.  
The leaves are going to turn colors and be beautiful but then they will fall to the ground. Let us know if we can help you with your Fall Landscaping Clean-up.

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