

"A Checklist for Bondurant, IA Homeowners' Seasonal Landscaping"

In **Bondurant, IA**, you need to take a seasonal approach to keep your yard looking great all year long. This is a list of things you can do to take care of your plants in Bondurant's climate and soil conditions in the spring, summer, fall, and winter.

In the spring (March to May)

- Get rid of trash, dead leaves, and winter mulch.
- Check and fix cracks and joints in the pavement.
- Trim back shrubs and perennials before they start to grow again.
- Change the mulch (2–3 in. deep)
- Turn on the irrigation systems and test the zones.
- Fertilize the lawns and beds as needed.
- Re-level any paver areas that have settled.

June to August is summer.

- Water deeply in the morning
- Check for pests, fungal disease, or stress.
- Cut back perennials and deadhead them.
- Weed on a regular basis
- Edge the lawn to keep the edges clean.
- Check and clean the lights
- Check the moisture level in the soil and change the watering schedule.

September to November is fall.

- Stop watering before the frost
- Take out the annuals and cut back the perennials.
- Rake the leaves or put them back in the mulch.
- Put down winter mulch or a protective ground cover.
- Get rid of dirt and leaves in the gutters and downspouts.

- Check hardscapes for cracks or movement.
- Keep hoses, drainage fittings, and spare lighting in storage.

Winter (December to February)

- Remove snow from patios and walkways without using a lot of force on the pavers.
- Be careful when using deicers; don't use chloride salts near hardscape.
- Look for ice that has built up around walls or bases.
- Write down problems to look into in the spring.
- Make plans for the projects you want to do next season.

Tasks for Hardscape

- Keep an eye on the edges, steps, and retaining walls.
- Look at the drains, weep holes, and joints.
- If the weather is good, reseal the pavers.
- Put more joint sand or polymeric material in.

Tasks for Plants and Softscapes

- Keep an eye on the structure of evergreens and shrubs.
- Wrap, mulch, or do something else to protect sensitive plants.
- In the early spring, replace any plants that died.
- Sharpen and clean your gardening tools

The good things about a seasonal plan in Bondurant, IA

- Stops small problems from turning into big ones
- Helps plants live through Iowa's extremes
- Keeps your outdoor space looking good and worth something.
- Lowers the cost of fixing masonry or hardscaping

We offer Bondurant clients seasonal maintenance plans at Larkin Landscape & Design. We can give you checklists, reminders, or even full maintenance services to help you keep track of and carry out tasks. Let's make sure your Bondurant property looks great all year long.