

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Fall is a great time to plant cool season grasses!
- Mulch is important in the fall and winter too!
- Leaves should be raked or mulched to prevent smothering of grass!
- Water trees and shrubs well before first frost!
- Visit our Steeler store for all your gametime gear!
- We now carry water softening salt and potassium chloride for pickup or delivery. Stop in or call us for prices and delivery rates.

Time to get a headstart on next Spring!

We had a mild Summer in Western Pennsylvania with ample rain and cooler than average temperatures. So, while your lawn may not be showing a typical late Summer brown, it is still important to think about its health going into Fall and Winter.

Consider **overseeding** your lawn this Fall to improve its appearance and to fill in patches. Vance's has quality **seed and seed starter** in stock to help you. Remember to first mow your lawn much shorter than you typically would (1.5" - 2" high) in order to allow adequate sun and water to reach the new seed.

If your lawn is in dire shape, it may be time to **tear up and start anew**. In that case, in addition to seed and starter, we carry screened **topsoil and compost** to provide a good

base for your new lawn. If it is a large area that needs to be seeded, Vance's also provides



hydroseeding services. Just give us a call and we would be happy to give you a free estimate.

Whether you are overseeding or starting a brand new lawn it is **critical** that it is **kept watered and evenly moist for several weeks after planting**.

Just as **mulch** helps control weeds and reduces watering in Spring and Summer it also performs an **important function**

in Winter. Our inevitable temperature fluctuations can cause roots to heave closer to the surface subjecting them to potential damage. **Mulch helps maintain a more even temperature in your soil** thereby protecting root systems. This is **especially important** if you have **shallow rooted shrubs** such as **azaleas and rhododendrons** in your landscape. We carry **double shredded mulch in natural brown, and in dyed red, brown, and black** for pickup or delivery.

Cleaning up your planting beds and gardens in Fall helps control pests and diseases harmful to your plants. **Give us a call and let us do your Fall Cleanup for you!**

Fall Information & Events

FALL = STEELERS FOOTBALL and Vance's is the place to go for your **Steeler merchandise!**

Look for our **Steeler Open House and Steeler tent set up on Fridays!**

We also have commemorative photos for sale from the Penguin's Stanley Cup Season.

Fall is a great time to plant shrubs and trees, giving them a chance to get established and ready to grow when Spring arrives.

Take advantage of our **in store special of 40% off on select trees, shrubs, and perennials from now until October 15th.**

Snow is inevitable and we are **now booking for plowing. Call us for a quote today.**

Looking ahead to 2010 our Certified Hardscape department is already filling its schedule. Don't wait till Spring! Also, if you have any special plant requests we are making our orders now. Call our garden center and we will be glad to help you!