



SERVICE GUIDE

We do more – and it shows



Lawrence Park
Complete Garden Care



COMPLETE GARDEN CARE

Lawrence Park Complete Garden Care is one of Toronto's most in demand and experienced garden maintenance and landscape design/build companies. We provide an extensive variety of high end services and regular maintenance necessities, from weekly garden maintenance to seasonal cleanups, irrigation and green roofs. If you are interested in booking any of our services, please give us a call. We'll customize a plan to fit your needs, vision and budget.



START WITH A SPRING CLEANUP

Every garden needs a thorough clean up in preparation for the growing season. In late March or early April (depending on the variety of plants in your garden), we visit your property and assess any lingering winter damage. This service typically includes raking and/or dethatching your lawn to remove winter debris and de-mounding your Roses and Rhododendrons. Our dethatching machines remove dead grass and snow mold. This allows our fertilizer and grass seed to penetrate the surface and settle in the soil. At the very least, we strongly recommend your lawn receive a thorough raking so added nutrients and seed will reach the soil below to help speed lawn recovery.

TURF MAINTENANCE. EVERY SINGLE WEEK

We begin this weekly service in May and continue to the end of October. It includes cutting and trimming your lawn and cleaning up all hard surfaces. If you have any specific requests, like putting the grass clippings in your composter or leaving them on the lawn, talk to your garden care supervisor or fill out the Suggestion, Comment or Request forms included with your monthly bill. This service is not designed to be your total garden plan; there will always be additional jobs like hard surface treatments, leaf clean up and removal of fallen limbs, etc...(provided at an additional fee).

CULTIVATION AND WEEDING



We often recommend your garden beds be cultivated on a regular basis. This service starts in April and continues through to the first frost. We use cultivators to till the top 2-3 inches of soil, removing any weeds taking root and aerating the soil. It also makes your soil look fresh healthy and rich. Special services, like Rose care, begin with early spring clean up when all Floribundas and hybrid tea Roses are cut back. Grandifloras and other climbers are cut back differently. All pruning stops in August to allow Roses to harden off for winter. We provide organic treatments for Roses and other plants in addition to normal cultivation and weeding services.

PRUNING AND HEDGE TRIMMING

We monitor your property to determine the best time to perform this service, but it often takes place during the dormant season in early spring. We hard trim spring flowering shrubs like Spirea and Forsythia after they flower and perhaps again during the growing this season. We cut back late flowering shrubs like Hydrangeas early in the spring. Evergreens are generally trimmed once in early spring and again in summer.

LPCGC encourages selective pruning because we've seen some very positive results over the years. Renovated shrubs are healthier and grow more vigorously. Our clients prefer this method of care (and so do we). This move away from the traditional, formal trimming will continue the season, but both formal and informal gardens have their place in the urban landscape, and we will always accommodate your aesthetic goals



LEAVES CLEANUP

This is a weekly service in October. We remove all leaves and fallen debris from your grass and hard surfaces. It is not included in the cost of weekly turf maintenance.

FALL CLEANUP

Autumn is one of the most beautiful seasons in the Park. It's also one of our busiest times of the year. Starting the first week of November and continuing through the month, we tackle the big end-of-season jobs that mark the last days of fall. Beyond leaf removal, our gardens need winterizing to protect and preserve winter-sensitive plants.

CURBSIDE COMPOSTING

During your Fall Cleanup, our curbside composting service eliminates unsightly and unnecessary bags left on the curb. Our truck vacuums, mulches and removes leaves right from your property. Leaving your property neat and accessible.



ORGANIC PLANET

Lawrence Park Garden Care's trio of turf services are our pro-active answer to pesticide use in lawns. We are always looking for the best new organic products that produce beautiful, chemical free turf. This is our 3-step process to an organically-healthy lawn.

Step 1 – Organic Fertilizing for Turf and Gardens

In the past, Lawrence Park Garden Care has used water-soluble quick release fertilizers combined with spot spraying for weeds. Now, due to environmental concerns and exciting new product developments, we use organic fertilizers. This means a few things. If your lawn is already healthy, you will continue to have strong turf without the use of any synthetic fertilizers and pesticides. If your turf isn't particularly healthy, there will be a definite improvement in your soil's physical chemistry, plus a revitalization of the existing turf with the application of our organic fertilizer.

Step 2 – Core Aeration

You will be familiar with this service if you've played golf in the early spring or fall and have seen the greens studded with small holes. Aeration is the perforation of your lawn to allow better movement of air, water and nutrients through the soil below.

It allows both water and fertilizers to penetrate the soil more easily and seed to germinate more completely and quickly. This service is usually done twice a year, along with our slit seeding service.

Step 3 – Slit Seeding

Our new slit seeding process does 2 great things at the same time:

1. Loosens the soil just below the surface.
2. Inserts the grass seed beneath the surface of your lawn.

The result is a healthier, thicker lawn with reduced space for weeds to grow. Additionally, it is better for the environment because slit seeding also uses little or no peat moss, which reduces demand on fragile peat bogs and marshland. We do the seeding twice a year: once in late April to mid-June and once in late August to September. Lawrence Park tends to be a tree covered community; therefore our grass mixes are usually high in shade tolerant seed. The success of your newly seeded lawn depends on consistent watering for the first weeks as the seeds germinate and develop. Information will be provided to you about care requirements once our experts evaluate your soil make up.

Every garden benefits from adding compost and fertilizer for your gardens. Compost builds healthy soil by providing decayed organic matter that retains moisture and oxygen. We recommend combining this in spring or fall with a slow release organic fertilizer that enriches the soil with the balanced spectrum of nutrients and minerals that plants need to thrive.



LANDSCAPING & DESIGN SERVICES

Nurturing your garden is a life long pleasure, but getting started can be daunting. Whether it's a complete makeover or simply replacing and rearranging a few shrubs or trees, our landscape design staff brings a breadth of knowledge and experience to this work that will allow you to enjoy your garden at its best.

PROFESSIONAL, HIGH-END GARDEN DESIGN

If you want to improve or rebuild your garden, our professional designers can help create your own beautiful design to stand out among the high end properties on your street. We'll visit your home to discuss your ideas and outline a custom plan for your new landscape. Our garden designs do more than just improve the appearance of your house; they draw you outdoors during the growing season, they give you functional, beautiful and unique entertaining spaces; they increase your quality of life.

Add some quality wooden privacy screens, pergolas, fences, gates and decks to give your property the privacy and updated look you want to achieve. Our extensively trained landscape teams work with skilled carpenters to create your custom landscape. We share our love of natural spaces as we create a view to be enjoyed from inside, even during the long winter months. Our garden designers make your new garden a work of art.



SEASONAL URNS AND DISPLAYS

Everyone has a favourite time of year. Seasonal urn displays are a large part of your home's facade and can change to reflect the season (or theme of your night of entertaining). Working closely with our clients to address colour, form and design, your vision will come to life in no time.

PLANTING DONE RIGHT

Trees, Shrubs and Perennials

Stately trees, flowering shrubs and a variety of perennials work together to create a beautiful garden with timeless appeal. Done right, these elements will never look off trend.

As designers, we help with a layout for your garden that meets the growing requirements for your new plants, with attention to bloom times that will span all four seasons. We believe more attention should be placed on the initial preparation of the site before planting your new trees and shrubs. By spending a little more time on site preparation, we boast almost no recall on either plant materials or design. We carefully select only proven, high quality trees and shrubs from a select group of established nurseries. Whether your taste runs to modern, sculptural shapes or to lush colours and textures, we'll build a garden that brings you, your family and friends many years of joy.

Annuals and Bulbs

Annuals are the most dependable and durable producers of colour and texture anywhere on your property. From Begonias to Dahlias to Petunias, these are the plants with petal power. They will bloom from early spring through late fall in an infinite variety of colours, shapes and sizes. Whether it's a few baskets or urns, or an extensive display in your garden, annuals are guaranteed to brighten up your property. Even the most devoted perennial gardeners supplement the garden with select annuals to cheer up a troublesome shady spot or fill in a gap between the bloom times of their favourite plants. There is nothing better than colourful annuals to provide the best first impression to visitors, particularly framing the entrance.

Oddly, one of the final gestures every year in your garden is choosing and planting your spring bulbs. Flowering bulbs help kick off the winter blahs with a burst of colour. We help you find the plants, colours and textures that can make spring one of your favourite seasons.



STONEMWORK

Great stonework should be incorporated into every landscape. It can be a large, new patio for entertaining or a fresh landing and steps at your front entrance for that ever-valuable curb appeal. The age-old skill of working stone creates structure to add elegance, texture, depth and definition to your property. An investment in good quality stone masonry is money well spent and a great beginning to the establishment of a beautiful garden. LPCGC has worked with stone since our inception and we love when clients discuss designs using stone with us.



GREEN ROOFS – THE SKY'S THE LIMIT

We're committed to environmentally friendly, innovative gardening services. Our Green Roofs are popping up all over the Park. We design and install Green Roofs of all shapes and sizes. These innovative installations can reduce energy consumption by insulating and cooling buildings, producing oxygen, reducing and purifying storm runoff. They also create green and flowering environments to be enjoyed, from the higher levels of your home.

Almost any roof can add something special to your property by becoming green. Whether it is your house, pool house, playhouse or shed. A maintenance schedule will be developed as an integral part of your warranty that will ensure years of sustainable growth. It's also a great way to reduce your carbon footprint.





IRRIGATION TIME!

Your neighbour's irrigation system might not be the right design for you. If your irrigation system isn't crafted for your garden, your property and your plants, it's not worth the expense. Our irrigation services are designed and customized by an irrigation professional with a horticultural and landscaping background. He not only understands plants and how much water each variety needs, but can identify your garden's microclimates and design a system tailored to each zone.



OPEN YOUR SYSTEM

This begins in the spring with a full site inspection of your irrigation system. Our team of Irrigation Technicians will check all controllers, heads and risers to identify any problems and present you with solutions.

CLOSE YOUR SYSTEM

Timing is everything when it comes to shutting down your irrigation system at the end of the season. Turning off the water too early means your trees and shrubs may not get their last drink of water before winter. Shutting down too late risks stressing seals, valves and pipes. Our experienced water management team will make sure both these factors are well balanced.



Service Management Calendar

	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
LANDSCAPE CONSULT & DESIGN									
LANDSCAPE RENOVATIONS									
PRUNING & HEDGETRIMMING									
STONework									
GREEN ROOF INSTALLATION									
GREEN ROOF MAINTENANCE									
CULTIVATION & WEEDING									
GARDEN PREP - DIVIDE PERENNIALS									
COMPOST									
DORMANT SELECTIVE PRUNING									
SPRING CLEANUP Incl Dethatching									
AERATING TURF AREAS (Spring/Fall)									
INSTALL SPRING URN DISPLAYS									
ORGANIC FERT FOR TURF APP #1-2-3	1	1	1	2	2	3	3		
DORMANT FERT FOR TURF									
SPRING TOPDRESS & OVERSEEDING									
TURF MAINTENANCE									
TREAT HARD SURFACES									
SODDING									
INSTALL ANNUAL FLOWERS									
INSTALL SUMMER URN DISPLAYS									
INSTALL FALL URN DISPLAYS									
FALL CLEANUP									
LEAVES									
INSTALL FALL BULBS									
WINTERIZE									
REMOVE ANNUAL FLOWERS									
INSTALL WINTER/XMAS URN DISPLAYS									
SEASONAL SELECTIVE PRUNING									
POWERWASHING									
MULCH									
IRRIGATION SYSTEM OPEN									
IRRIGATION SYSTEM CLOSE									

Serving: Lawrence Park, Rosedale, Forest Hill, North Toronto, Bridle Path and Hoggs Hollow



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