

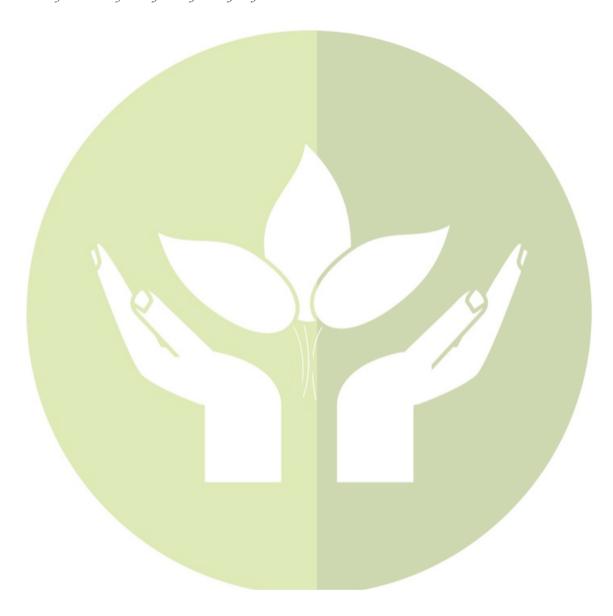
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"Spring & Fall is not a moment in the garden but a sequence, a gentle unfurling of plant life that grows fuller by the day at a tempo that is almost out of sync with human perception"

Adrian Higgins - The Washington Post

- 1. **Removal of the leaves from the lawn.** This is an important part of keeping lawn healthy for the seasons to come. Matted leaves block sunlight and reduce water evaporation, which can cause fungus, mold and other diseases.
- 2. **Leaves mulching.** On this process leaves are reduced at very small size and automatic dispersed evenly on the lawn areas. Leaves are an exceptional biodegradable organic material. Mulched leaves potentially could nourish lawn with essential nutrients as nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, magnesium, sulfur and calcium.
- 3. **Faded Flowers Removal.** Deadheading is an important but often neglected gardening technique. It refers to pruning off old, faded flowers from a plant as it blooms. It is most often done to annuals and perennials, but it is also useful with some summer-flowering trees and shrubs. A number of advantages to deadheading make it worth the time and effort it involves. For one thing, it improves the appearance of a plant tremendously. Plants that bloom over a long period of time often end up with an accumulation of unattractive, dead flowers and seed pods mixed in with the newly opened blooms. This makes the plant look bad even with

pretty flowers on it. If you keep the faded flowers pruned off the plant, it always looks fresh — as if it were just coming into bloom. Removing the old flowers from many types of plants also will encourage them to bloom more and for a longer period. Annual plants, in particular, bloom for a time, set seed and then stop blooming and die. Regularly removing faded flowers prevents the plants from setting seed. As a result, annuals will respond by producing more flowers over a longer season in a continuing effort to produce seed. Many perennials will send up another flush of flowers if they are promptly deadheaded.



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