



## Lawn care is kind of our turf...

Lawn Maintenance Now = Beautiful Lawn in Spring (or do we just let it all go?)

Whoever would have guessed that maintaining a lawn would become a controversial subject? As we are pushing for the protection of pollinators and the re-establishment of native plants, the European lawn that we have adopted seems to be the antithesis of the healthy bioscape we now work toward. So how did we get here? And how do we move forward?

In the United States, as in Europe, at first only the wealthy had the time or money to cultivate a well-manicured lawn that was purely decorative. After World War 2, with GI's returning home, the demand for affordable homes began to grow and suburban design was the new American Dream. Builders drew on the tradition of well-to-do homeownership surrounded by a lush, green lawn and provided blue-collar neighborhoods with lawns of their own. Prior to this time, front yards were dedicated to growing fruits, vegetables and flowers.

Is it even conceivable to revert to the old ways of filling our yards with food and pollinators? Would our busy lives allow us the time to care for our yards this way? For most of us, probably not, so how about a compromise? What if we only applied lawn to the areas we actually used as flat park-like spaces and dedicated the rest of the yard to the garden? It's a conundrum, for sure. But like all things, perhaps it's just about balance - dedicating areas of the yard to the garden and letting the grass grow where we need a place to run.

No matter which ideal you pursue, lawn maintenance now will bring you a beautiful lawn in the spring. For an easy to follow guide on lawn maintenance, [click here](#).



The grass is always greener at Alice's Garden!

We have a huge variety of grass seed available varying by sun exposure, percentage of Bluegrass, color, and blade density!

## Featured Houseplant:



This week's featured houseplant is the **Hoya Kerrii**! These adorable plants are extremely resilient and low-maintenance! As a succulent plant, they love getting very dry between watering. They like bright, indirect light and high humidity- regular misting will help these plants thrive. These limited-edition Kerrii even have a Jack-O-Lantern tattoo- get them now before they're gone!

### Upcoming Classes:

- October 14th, 1pm: Cemeterarium Building
- October 21st, 1pm: Pumpulent Building
- October 28th, any time between 11am-1pm: Kids' Pumpkin Painting
- November 4th, 1pm: Bulb Lasagna Planter Pot

To purchase tickets to any of these events, head to our [Eventbrite Page](#) or call us at (317) 291-1441 to reserve your spot today!

## Get a “head start” with cabbage!



Decorative cabbages and kales come in a huge variety of sizes, shapes, textures, and colors! And the best part? They will last well into winter- much longer than your other flowering annuals! If you're looking for a lovely pop of color in your gardens that is hardy all the way to -5° Fahrenheit, cabbages are way a-head of the competition!



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