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## It's Time for Giving Thanks

Thanksgiving is a holiday that moves around so much from year to year! Last year, it was November 28, but the year before that, it was a whole week earlier on November 22. This year, Thanksgiving is on Thursday, **November 26, 2020**.

The custom of giving thanks for the annual harvest is one of the world's oldest celebrations and can be traced back to the dawn of civilization. Certainly, this year, as with others, we're grateful for the food on our plates, but with the challenging times of our 2020 pandemic, let's take a moment and make sure to thank all those who make our life better! Certainly, you're on our list of people we should thank!



## Pumpkins for Celebrating

When you're preparing your pumpkin pie for the holidays, here's a thought you might want to consider. Butternut pumpkin (same as Butternut Squash) holds its shape and is best for baking, roasting and blending into pumpkin soup. Nutritionally, this pumpkin provides calcium, iron, thiamine and vitamins A, C and E. It's slightly higher in calories than other pumpkins, but still, butternut squash has only about 65 calories per cup.

Source: [www.endurancemag.com](http://www.endurancemag.com)

## When Family Gathers for the Holidays Ahead

It's a good idea to have something funny to share for the family gatherings. In case of a lull in conversation, try these family-friendly riddles:

*What kind of music did the Pilgrims like?* Plymouth Rock

*If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?* Pilgrims

*Why was the Thanksgiving soup so expensive?* It had 24 carrots.

*What do you get when you cross a turkey with a banjo?* A turkey that can pluck itself!

*Why do the pants of pilgrims fall down?* Because their belt buckles are on their hats!

*Why did they let the turkey join the band?* Because he had the drumsticks.

*Which side of the turkey has the most feathers?* The outside! Source: [www.jokes4us.com](http://www.jokes4us.com)



## Where Are We?!

This is the time of year when we don't keep the usual summer schedule. With leaf pick-ups and fall rain, we are typically several days off our regular schedule. If you don't see us on your typical mowing day, don't worry, we haven't forgotten about you, we're just busy with the leaves and we'll be there soon.

## Veterans' Day

Veterans Day (originally known as Armistice Day) is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on November 11, for honoring military veterans. It coincides with other holidays including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day which are celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I.

Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. At the urging of major U.S. veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.



Veterans Day is distinct from Memorial Day. Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans, while Memorial Day honors those who have *died* while in military service.

Source: [www.wikipedia.com](http://www.wikipedia.com)

## Perennial Plants – To Prune or Not to Prune

The pruning of perennials in the fall or in the spring is something that can be argued either way. Should you cut back now or wait until spring? Some people like to leave the dead perennial stalks to provide a place to hide from the winter winds and offer seed for birds and small animals. Others prefer to cut the stalks clean to the ground for a neater look during the winter!



By now, perennials are dormant and you can prune them low to the ground. In early spring, just before they push out their new growth, it's also a good time to prune. It's up to you to do what you'd like!

The favored way to do it is what we would suggest, cut back dry stems of perennials to soil level around the time of the first frost to tidy up the garden and remove pest eggs and disease spores that may linger.

## Snow is Coming

It's that time of year when customers ask if we do snow plowing. The answer is – no. Plowing takes its toll on equipment, and we'd rather save our trucks for landscaping which is what we're most proud of. Who knows what the winter will bring, but we'll be ready for spring when it comes!





## Gutters Need to be Cleaned? – Don't Risk a Fall!

If you need to have your gutters cleaned from all the fall leaves, and you don't want to risk climbing up there to take care of it yourself, give us a call! We'll wait until the last of the leaves have fallen and then we'll come to take care of the gutters. It's never too early to call. We'll probably come around the first week of December just to make sure all the leaves are down.

*“A garden is a grand teacher.  
It teaches patience and careful  
watchfulness; it teaches  
industry and thrift; above all  
it teaches entire trust.”*

**Gertrude Jeckyll**  
(1843-1932)

*British horticulturist, garden designer,  
photographer, writer and artist*



## Holiday Lights

Since we're all about service, we want to remind you that we're also glad to help you string your holiday lights if this is a challenge you don't want to worry about. We've got the ladders and we're ready to help.