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It's time to put your lawn to bed.

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As most people look up to adore the changing colors of the leaves, some of us look down to see what more we can do for our lawn. If you did not spray or treat your broadleaf weeds you still have one more week to do so, before the dandelions and plantain plants start to shut down. Broadleaf treatments only work when the plants are active and can take up the chemical. Aeration and dethatching can also enhance your turf performance this time of year. Either one of these cultural methods will promote the oxygen exchange rate, and increase the density of the turf canopy. October is also an opportunity to apply winterizing fertilizer. Wait until the final mowing at the end of October before applying. Make sure that cold weather is coming before applying. This fertilizer will tie it's self up in the thatch and help early green up in the spring when temps warm up. This fertilizer replaces the early spring application.

Take a drive, and don't forget the Camera

A tank of gas, camera and a packed lunch can take you to some of the most beautiful places in Minnesota. In a time when everyone is trying to save money, you can have a mini vacation with the family for the price of going to the movies. I have two favorite drives that I enjoy every fall. My folks live in Motley, and the drive between Little Falls and Motley on Highway 10 is one of the prettiest. Towards

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the third week in October the leaves of the Oaks are in full color. Mixed with the groves of Popular Aspen on the hills of Lincoln and Cushing, this drive is one of the best in Minnesota. Another drive is County Road 77 which runs around the west bank of Gull Lake. The trees actually touch each other as you drive through a tunnel of forage. This weekend we are planning to drive up to the Northshore. Neither one of us has ever been up there during the fall. Gooseberry Falls is also on our list to visit. Here is a challenge for everyone. Take a drive with your family and take some pictures. Take your best picture and send it to info@useyourwaterright.com with a caption of where you were at. We will post the 5 best pictures in the November issue of The Water Chronicles for all to adore. Enjoy the time with your family.



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