

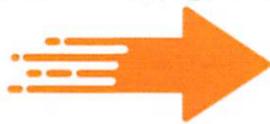
HORIZON NEWS

Spring, 2026



NOTIFICATIONS!!

Green Horizons is encouraging our customers to receive general notifications by text or email. Texts and emails are fast, convenient, and more timely than receiving a postcard. If you would like to make this change, please let us know by giving us a call or by notating this on the Customer Change Form!



Thank you!

We would like to THANK YOU for the trust you have placed in us and for letting us be a part of making eastern Colorado a "beautiful" place to live.



Hello! It's that time of the year again to let you know that we are still alive and we've made it through this unprecedented "spring-like" winter. We are preparing for the official 2026 Spring arrival no matter what the good Lord has planned for us, but we are all praying that "moisture" is in the picture. Living on the eastern plains reminds us frequently that the weather is going to change and that we are not in control of it! I hope you are all excited to begin Spring 2026 and that you have plans to make this summer a memorable one.

Our lawn care division is excited to have **Spencer Teer** back. He missed most of last year with some health issues, but has been given a clean slate and is extremely excited to get going. He has been the manager in the lawn division the last 3 years. He is knowledgeable, familiar with your properties, a leader, and a heck of a nice guy. He truly does want you to be satisfied with our service.

Ryan Davis has been with our company for 8 years and has worked in all aspects of our business. For the last couple of years and has been our "Tree Expert". I'm proud of Ryan for his determination in trying to figure out what your trees may need. Last year he studied a lot about the Bark Beetle and worked hard to gain knowledge on what needed to be done to help control that pest. This year, with it being so warm and dry, I'm sure the potential is there for different problems. If you have not done it yet, put some water on your lawns and trees. This extra drink will greatly help them stay healthy.

Ray Liggett has been here for 4 years and is our main sprinkler system repair "guru". He has expanded his knowledge every year and rarely runs into something he can't timely fix. He has also been getting our aerators ready to go. If you are not signed up for that service, give us a call. Whether I own and aerator or not, I will always have my own lawn aerated. I feel by opening up the soil, it breaks down the thatch and allows water and nutrients to penetrate deeper into the ground. With proper watering, aeration encourages the root system of your lawn to grow deeper, resulting in a healthier, drought-resistant lawn.

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Dalton Shellstrom is beginning his second year at Green Horizons. He moved here from Arkansas to be close to his dad. He is a hard worker, smart, ambitious, and an extremely quick learner. He has definitely been an asset to our team.

Our "jack of all trades" guy is **Jason Lawrence**. He has been with us for 5 years and you will see him everywhere. He may be aerating, spraying trees, fixing a sprinkler, or helping me spray sterilant or weeds. He is so valuable to each of us and as a bonus he brings a humorous, larger than life personality!

Our newest addition to the Green Horizons' team is **Jordan Jones**. He moved to the area from Las Vegas as his wife teaches 5th grade at Arriba-Flagler School. Jordan will be spraying for us this year, but he also brings a vast knowledge in concrete finishing. We have been doing some small concrete jobs over the last few years, but with his expertise, we feel we can expand this division. Keep us in mind for your next concrete project!

Brevity Langley and **Joleen Loutzenhiser** rounds out our crew. Their job involves working with some of the most important aspects of our business: making sure we know where to go and making sure we keep all of the customer information correct in our computer system. They are both extremely competent, accurate, and efficient, and they are very beneficial to our business.

With sincere appreciation, I again say "Thank You" for letting us partner with you in your lawn, tree and landscape needs. We have worked hard to acquire and keep a good crew who treats this company and clients personally. We continually think of our service to you as more than "just another job"! It's been a blessing to work with such great employees and customers, and we look forward to serving you again this year! - **Gary**

The 1/3 Rule: Small Effort, Big Results

A well-cut lawn looks great, but the real magic happens below the surface. Healthy turf depends on strong roots, balanced moisture, and steady growth. The 1/3 rule is a simple guideline that protects all three. When you follow it, you reduce stress on your grass, improve density, and keep your lawn greener through heat and drought. Here is how to put the rule to work for you.

The 1/3 rule says you should never remove more than one third of the grass blade height in a single mowing. If your ideal mowing height is 3 inches, do not let the grass get taller than about 4.5 inches before you cut. Taking off only the top third preserves the plant's food supply and reduces shock to the crown and roots.

WHY IT WORKS:

- Grass blades are your lawn's solar panels. Cutting too short strips away energy reserves and slows recovery.
- Taller blades shade the soil, which keeps temperatures lower and helps retain soil moisture.
- A moderate cut reduces the risk of scalping high spots, which invites weeds and disease.

Applying the 1/3 rule isn't just about how much you cut - it's also about how often. The key is **consistency**. Mow frequently enough so you never have to remove more than a third of the blade's height. That might mean mowing once a week during the growing season and less frequently during cooler or drier periods. It's a simple but powerful principle, and it can make all the difference in keeping your grass looking great!



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