



# Heartleaf Homeowners Association Newsletter

Spring 2026

**Spring and lawn gardening tips: Spring is here! Your Heartleaf Board has put together some helpful tips to get your lawn and garden looking their best this season.**

## **Lawn Care Tips: Wake Up Your Lawn!**

Lawns have been dormant through winter and are now waking up—thirsty and hungry! Fertilizing early can save you time, effort, and money later.

Understanding Fertilizer Numbers: Fertilizer bags typically display three numbers representing key nutrients:

- Nitrogen (N): Promotes green color and growth
- Phosphorus (P): Encourages root development
- Potassium (K): Supports overall plant health

*Example: A 32-4-6 fertilizer contains 32% Nitrogen, 4% Phosphorus, and 6% Potassium.*

Types of Fertilizer: *Granular:* Standard mix of ingredients or *Homogenized Granular:* More refined and evenly blended for better absorption and consistent lawn color.

Weed Control:

- If your lawn has 40% or more weeds, use a weed & feed product
- Otherwise, use a spot weed killer to minimize stress on your lawn

Watering Tips:

- Typically, water after fertilizing
- Some weed & feed products require watering before—*always read the label*

Extra Lawn Care Tips:

- Use an iron supplement (like hose-end applicators) for a deeper green color
- Mow in the early morning or evening—avoid afternoon heat
- Water after mowing for best results

Lawn Dressing:

Apply a thin layer of topsoil to damaged or yellow areas. This will absorb into the turf in about 2–3 weeks—like a “band-aid” for your lawn.

Seeding:

- Wait until nighttime temperatures are consistently 45–50°F
- Lightly cover seeds with topsoil and keep moist
- All-in-one seed mixes are convenient but still require consistent watering

## **Garden & Shrub Care**

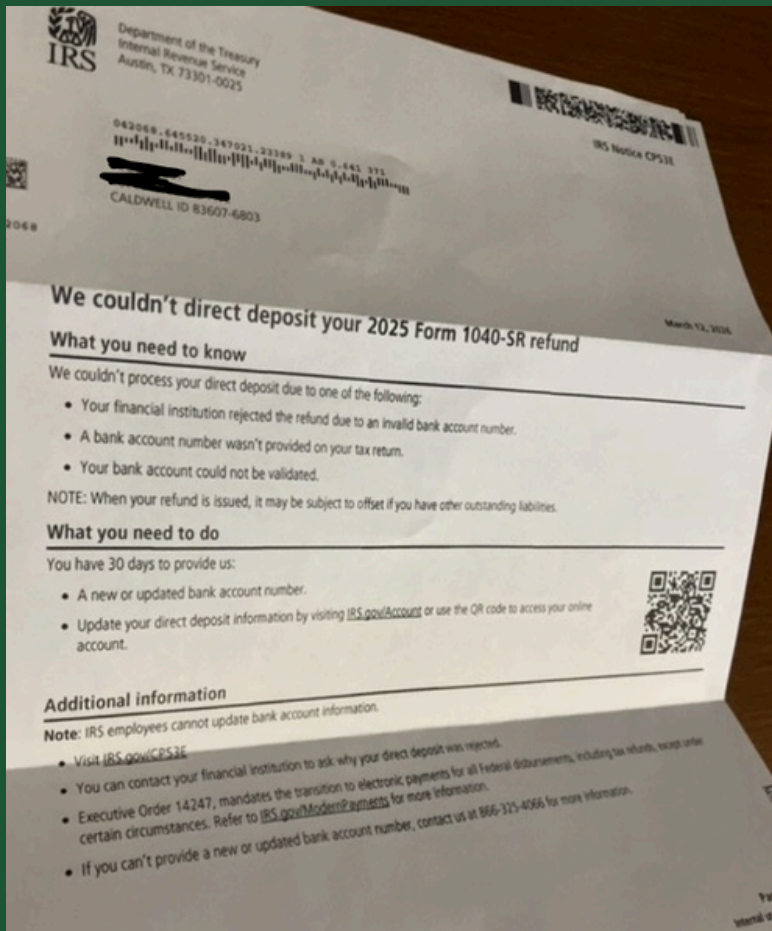
Shrubs:

- Trim dead growth now before new growth begins
- Fertilize with plant food—systemic options are best

Trees:

- Trim inner vertical shoots to promote fuller, more even growth
- Fertilize trees in early spring for optimal health

Reminder: These are general suggestions. Always read product instructions and research specific plant care for best results.



**BEWARE!**

## IRS SCAM!

A scam is currently circulating involving fake IRS letters that use QR codes to steal bank information under the guise of processing a tax refund.

These letters often arrive in cardboard envelopes with an IRS logo, demanding sensitive information like bank routing numbers and driver's license pictures.

**Do not scan the QR code, click any links, or provide personal information.**

The IRS does not use QR codes to request payments or for tax refunds. Nor do they send urgent letters demanding instant action.

How to Report: Forward any suspicious letter to **phishing@irs.gov**.

If you are worried you have an unclaimed refund, go directly to the official IRS Website to check.

## Neighborhood Reminders

- Do not block sidewalks when parking—this is a safety issue
- Remove holiday decorations within 30 days after the holiday
- ATVs and trailers may only be parked in driveways or in front of homes for up to 3 days
- Please store garbage cans behind your fence
- Do not leave debris, pallets, or miscellaneous garbage visible in front of your home



## COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE: APRIL 18th

The Association will be holding a spring garage sale on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. There is no requirement to participate, simply place items on your driveway the morning of the sale if you would like to join in. This is a great opportunity to get some spring cleaning done! Owners are encouraged to advertise the sale, please be sure to remove any signage at the conclusion of the event.

For additional information regarding Heartleaf, please visit [www.heartleafhoa.com](http://www.heartleafhoa.com).

Thank you for helping keep our Heartleaf community clean, safe, and beautiful!