

# CLIPPINGS

A newsletter prepared especially for our customers, friends & neighbors



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## Mixed Blessings & Get Ready for the Cicadas!

This spring finds the team at LawnCare by Walter with mixed blessings. At 10:50 p.m. on April 15, 2024, we welcomed our third grandchild, Rowan Gray. Proud parents Dilyn and Cassidy Walter are doing well and have their hands full with their bouncing baby boy who came into this world weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces. At 21.5 inches long, Rowan will likely be tall!

On a much heavier note, we are sad to announce that Mike Tisdial passed away on March 21, 2024. Mike retired a few years ago after having worked for LawnCare by Walter for more than two decades. Originally from California, Mike arrived in Rockford and eventually attended East High School. Upon

graduation, Mike had fallen in love with the Midwest and decided to make Rockford his home. An avid golfer, Mike could be found playing around town, always stopping to wave to everyone he knew in between strokes. Mike will be missed.

### Cicadas times two!

This year will be an unusual one as Illinois will be inundated with cicadas! Read on to learn more about these creatures and what to expect from their visit this year.



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*Remember, we build great lawns from the ground up!*

## The Great Invasion Times Two

It can be difficult to describe the sound of a cicada, so the sound is often simply referred to as the "sound of summer." The continuous whizzing noise heard for hours on end is a perpetual reminder that we are not alone. And this year, we will definitely have more company.

According to cicadomania.com, a website dedicated to those curious creatures, Illinois is one of several states that will experience a double dose of cicadas this year. Unlike our annual cicada visitors, we will be twice blessed with broods XIII and XIX, groups more commonly known as the 17-year brood and 13-year brood respectively. What's especially unique about this year's dual arrival of these noisy, but harmless insects, is that the last time these two broods emerged simultaneously to experience life above ground was in 1803.

If you're planning an outdoor party this summer, you might find yourself sweeping a lot of cicada shells off your

patio, but other than that, they're not much of a nuisance. The only real downside to cicadas is that they can damage trees that have not yet matured. Covering small trees under four feet with netting is an option, but an easier solution is to hose the tree down with water on a regular basis.



### Fun Facts about Cicadas

- They're harmless creatures that do not bite or sting
- They live underground for most of their lives
- They shed their skin above ground and leave a shell behind
- They're often mistaken for grasshoppers or locusts
- They can be found all over the world

For more fun facts on cicadas, visit [cicadomania.com](http://cicadomania.com)

# Get the Bugs Before They Bite!

Backyard barbeque season is upon us! We'll help you celebrate without those uninvited guests—mosquitos!

At LawnCare by Walter, we make eradicating mosquitos our top priority. Our treatment services start as early as May!

**Call now to book your appointment!**  
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## Say Goodbye to Grubs & Japanese Beetles!

Grubs and Japanese beetles are destructive critters! The best time to eradicate these creatures is midsummer. LawnCare by Walter offers three levels of treatment: preventive, curative and foliar spraying.

Find out what level your lawn needs. Give us a call!

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