March was interesting, wasn't it? An unexpected snow storm but which happily did not last or dump too much snow, and a lot of rain and cold spells. I think we're all looking forward to a warmer, maybe a little drier, April!

Tech tip of the month

Last month we mentioned storing equipment for the off season including something that you may have heard about in passing – ethanol. It's used to prevent 'knocking' in your engines, but it has a downside; namely, that it likes to eat plastic and destabilizes gas over time.

When performing your tune up, make sure to clean your carburetor and check any parts that have come in contact with any fuel, including the fuel line and tank.

When you go to start using your equipment, throw out old gas and old oil. It's recommended to buy mid grade gas to best support your engine. As for oil, many brands have their own that has been designed to best work with your equipment. We have a wide selection in stock, not just Stihl.

When it comes to mixing gas and

oil for 2 cycle engines, check your owner's manual to see how much oil you need to a gallon of gas.

Per gallon, 50:1 mix needs 2.6 ounces; for 40:1, 3.2 ounces; for 25:1, you'll need 5.2 ounces.

Rental item of the month

We're actually featuring a few items this month, but all of them work together for a better lawn.

With as little snow as we had, some of us have lawns that are covered in leaves and other debris. We have thatchers and leaf blowers that will help with the clean up that Mother Nature didn't pick up.

We have 3 thatchers, all the same, which pull up and loosen the debris on the surface. It isn't self-propelled, but is relatively easy to use. It rents for \$50/4 hours or \$75/24 hours.

Since the thatcher doesn't have

a pick up function, to pick up the debris, we have a few leaf blowers and a York rake.

The York rake hooks onto a tractor to be pulled behind it. It rents for \$24/4 hours or \$35/24 hours.

We also have a walk behind leaf blower that rents \$40/4 hours or \$60/24 hours. Alternatively, we have back pack leaf blowers. There's a Stihl BR400 which rents for \$30/4 hours and \$45/24 hours. Or we have a Stihl BR600 that rents for \$33/4 hours or \$50/24 hours.

In other news

Though our special on repairs has ended, please continue to bring in your equipment – it's never too early to have it looked at. The sooner you bring in your equipment, the sooner you'll have it back in time for any spring project!

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