

# MIKE GAST Lawn Care, Inc.™

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\*\*\* Serving Sarasota Since 1979 \*\*\*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimate Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Billing: \_\_\_\_\_

This is a contract between **Mike Gast Lawn Care, Inc.™** and the above owner at the above property for lawn care services as indicated below. Please initial next to the services you desire.

## General Monthly Maintenance \$ per Month

\_\_\_\_\_ Mowing the grass; edging the sidewalks, driveways and flower beds; string trimming; and blowing debris off hard surfaces will be done approximately 40 times per year. This section does not include trimming around sprinkler heads. From April until November service will be weekly. From November through March service will be bi-weekly. Excessive weather conditions may slightly alter service schedule. For example, under extreme drought or excessive water, the grass may not be mowed. The price will remain the same.

## Bush Trimming and Weed Control within Flowerbeds \$ per Month\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Bushes, shrubs, small trees, and palm trees under 16 feet in height will be trimmed on a regular basis, usually once every 5-6 weeks. Trimming is done using general guidelines set forth by the Florida Department of Agriculture. However, special requests can be made. Hedges over 6 feet in height can be trimmed at your request but will cost extra. Staking trees costs a minimum of \$25 per tree. We will not go inside lanai areas unless asked. Weed control within the flowerbeds will be done on a regular basis, usually every week weather permitting. Various methods of pulling and spraying weeds will be used. The majority of chemicals used are Round-Up, Image, Fusillade, Pre-M and Snapshot. Weed control is most effective with a thick layer of mulch applied yearly. Mulching will cost extra. Trimming and weed control will only be done in conjunction with the General Monthly Maintenance listed above.

## Fertilization & Pest Control – Turf & Ornamental Plants \$ per Month\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Turf and Ornamentals will receive four to six fertilizer applications per year according to local ordinances. In order to achieve better control of pest, visits to the property will be monthly. Treatments will be made as necessary on each visit. Pest control is chemically applied as necessary as a preventative and to treat active pests. Only top quality insecticides, selective herbicides, and fungicides will be used. Pest control refers to weeds in turf and any pest that is damaging to turf or ornamental. Due to potential staining problems, treatments will NOT be made inside pool or lanai areas. Trees over 16 feet tall are not included. Though we will blow off concrete areas of excess fertilizer, we will not be held responsible for staining that may occur.

**Fertilization:** Different formulations of Nitrogen, Phosphate, Potash and Minor Nutrients will be applied depending on turf condition and seasonal demands. Fertilizer will be granular and at least 50% slow release.

**Insecticides:** Combinations of Talstar® (bifenthrin) and Merit® (imidacloprid) or Allectus® (formulation of Talstar® and Merit®) will be the main chemicals used to control Chinch bugs, Sod web-worms, Grubs, Mole crickets and many other insects.

**Herbicides:** Atrazine will be applied as needed to control broadleaf weeds. Weeds such as Bermuda grass, carpet grass, and nut sedge are uncontrollable. Weeds within bahia grass cannot be controlled.

**Fungicides:** A broad-spectrum fungicide may be applied as necessary. The best treatment is controlling (reducing) the amounts of water applied.

**Specialty Products:** There are a wide range of specialty pesticides, pH buffers, and minor nutrients may be needed. These applications are rare, will cost extra and will be billed accordingly.

## Irrigation Maintenance & Repair Program \$ per Month\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Your irrigation system will be serviced six times per year. This monthly price includes: running your system, cleaning around the sprinkler heads, cleaning filters, replacing or repairing damaged nozzles and/or non-rotor sprinkler heads, adjusting risers, and programming adjustments to the timer/controller. There will be an additional charge for, but not limited to: rotor sprinkler replacement, donut installation, electrical repairs, valve repairs, or modifications to system. You authorize us to do these extra repairs if needed without prior notification so long as the extra charge does not exceed \$75. Access to the controller is required without the assistance of the owner. If an appointment is required an additional \$20 will be charged for each appointment. We can install an external keypad garage door opener for a \$60 one-time fee. This is a great option.

Controller: INSIDE / OUTSIDE / KEYPAD CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

## Your Monthly Maintenance Total (Estimate price is valid for 30 days). . . . . \$\_\_\_\_\_ per Month

**SAVE 10%**  
**Annually: Pre-pay for one year & get 10% off total . . \$\_\_\_\_\_ per Year**  
This can be done at any time. However, at time of Annual Payment this agreement will extend for at least one full year.

**Once service begins, it is understood that both parties agree to the Terms and Conditions on the both sides. The minimum term of our agreement for each of these services, independent of each service, is one year.**

I agree that the services and terms described above are acceptable and in accordance with my understanding of our agreement.

### AGREED and ACCEPTED:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Owner of property described above)

Mike Gast Lawn Care, Inc. Representative

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

# MIKE GAST Lawn Care, Inc.™

## TERMS and CONDITIONS

This is to confirm and specify the terms of our agreement and to clarify the nature and extent of the services we provide. In order to ensure a mutual understanding of our responsibilities, we ask all clients to confirm the following arrangements. If client authorizes service and service begins, it is understood that both parties agree to these terms and conditions even if this document is not signed. Other arrangements must be in writing.

### SERVICES RENDERED

We, those representing Mike Gast Lawn Care, Inc.™, will perform routine lawn care as described on the front page of this document. Services may include lawn mowing, flowerbed care, weed control, fertilization, pest control and sprinkler maintenance. Irrigation maintenance and repair may be needed and will be billed separately due to the wide range of problems that may occur. Other services offered at additional cost include: landscape design and installation; mulching; storm clean-up; heavy tree work; sprinkler system installation and repair, and low voltage landscape lighting.

### INDEMNIFICATIONS

We are not responsible for damage done to: underground sprinklers, painted/stained surfaces adjacent to grassy areas, or buried wires such as cable, telephone, lighting, etc. If you wish for us to be responsible for these listed items, an additional charge of 25% will be charged per month. If damage ever occurs, you must notify us immediately and allow us to inspect and/or repair any damage first. Otherwise, we will not reimburse you. Plants are living things and have life cycles. Despite our best efforts to keep plants healthy, plants may die due to circumstances beyond our control. We will not be held responsible for dead plants.

### SCHEDULE

Due to seasonal growing demands, the schedule for routine monthly maintenance equates to approximately 38-40 mowings/visits per year. From April thru October mowings/visits will be weekly. From November thru March mowings/visits will be every other week. This schedule may alter due to extreme weather conditions such as but not limited to drought, frost or hurricanes. We try to provide service on the same day of each week. Due to occasional schedule changes, the day of the week may change. The winter months are a perfect time to schedule additional services such as mulching, landscaping, and landscape lighting.

### TERMS OF SERVICE

It is agreed that services will last for a minimum of one year, billed monthly in arrears. Services may be added or deleted and prices may change so long as agreed by both parties. Either party may terminate this agreement after the one-year minimum with or without reason so long as a (60) sixty-day written notice is given. If the (60) sixty-day notice is not given and services are terminated, the customer agrees to pay an additional fee, equal to two times the monthly rate. Furthermore, customer understands that more time and/or treatments are required during the first several months of service to bring plants and turf to an acceptable level of appearance. These costs are spread over the full one-year minimum term. For this reason, customer agrees to pay the remaining balance of the one-year minimum term if service is cancelled prior to the expiration of the one-year term.

### INVOICING

On the last week of each month, invoices will be sent to you, at the stated billing address above, for the amount due for that month. This will include the monthly service rate along with any additional work that may have been performed and any amounts past due. All invoices are due and payable upon receipt. If other payment terms or arrangements are required, please let us know in advance. Customer agrees to pay a monthly finance charge of 1.5% (18% annual percentage rate) which will be added to all invoices that are past due. Invoices are past due if payment has not been received by day twenty (20) of each month. At any time you may pay for one year in advance and receive a 10% discount. There is a \$25 fee for returned checks.

### OTHER

The place of this agreement is Sarasota County, Florida and the governing laws are those of Sarasota County, Florida. It is also agreed that the goods and/or services provided add real improvement and value to your property. We may delay the enforcement of any of our rights without losing that right, or any other right. If we delay our rights, we may enforce that right at any time in the future without advance notice.

We look forward to working with you and taking care of your lawn.

### OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED AT ADDITIONAL COST

- Sprinkler Service – Routine Service Program or As Needed Service
- Landscape Design and Installation
- Mulching
- Low Voltage Landscape Lighting
- Fertilization and Pest Control

Thank you for choosing us to serve you. If you have any questions, please call the Office at (941) 924-3130 or Fax at (941) 924-3020. Updates, changes, and other information will be posted on our web site at [www.mikegastlawn.com](http://www.mikegastlawn.com).

Copy of Required Pest Control License



\*Customer must also sign up for General Monthly Maintenance to get this price. Otherwise, \$10 per Month will be added.