If you look carefully, you may also notice that some of the fall colors spreading through the leaves are actually green. This is a phenomenon known as 'fall color reversal,' where some leaves retain their chlorophyll and turn a creamy yellow or green color. Recent research suggests that this could be due to the leaves' inability to efficiently break down chlorophyll during the fall, leading to its retention and the green appearance.

A wonderful example this would set to citizens everywhere. Just think what more of our hard-earned tax dollars would be spent if for each $100 spent by the IRS on chasing conservative donors, they spent $98 on chasing liberal donors. But I guess expecting different from our children is asking too much.

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BY MEGHAN LITSEY

PRIOR LAKE LANDSCAPE

By following these fall lawn care tips, you’ll be left with a greener lawn in the spring than you could ever imagine, while helping the environment at the same time. Here’s how to achieve the greenest lawn possible:

1. Mulch your leaves: Mulching leaves allows them to decompose and return nutrients to the soil, while also reducing the amount of yard waste that needs to be collected and disposed of. By leaving your leaves unmulched, you’re essentially sending them to the landfill, which can create greenhouse gases and use up valuable space.

2. Aerate your lawn: Aerate your lawn to improve soil drainage and allow air to enter the soil. This will help roots grow and improve water penetration, resulting in a healthier lawn.

3. Water your lawn: Water your lawn during the evening, because this is when the soil is most likely to absorb water and not evaporate. Watering your lawn too early in the day can cause it to become waterlogged, while watering it too late can cause it to dry out.

4. Mow your lawn: Mow your lawn regularly, but don’t mow it too short. By leaving your lawn too long, you’re allowing weeds to grow, which can displace native grasses and reduce the overall health of your lawn.

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