



### APRIL 2009 NEWSLETTER

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#### WINTER TO SUMMER

We all know summer is coming. The only question is when will it truly feel like summer and when should I prepare my landscape for the summer.

Asset Landscaping has been preparing for summer all winter and is now adding the final touches to our summer preparations. During the early winter we performed rejuvenation cutbacks to non-frost sensitive plants. Over the last couple of months we continued with plants that were damaged by the frost.

This process not only removes the "woody" appearance that older shrubs get from over trimming or sunburn, but it also allows the plant to grow new foliage and flowers shading itself and looking colorful rather than over pruned.

Turf preparation is next. Your turf should be aerated every spring just as the Bermuda is coming out of dormancy. Aeration helps break up hardpan, opens the soil to allow more air, sun, fertilizer, and water to penetrate the soil and get down to the root zone, where it can be much more effective. With our aeration service, we also add a soil amendment that conditions the soil and helps push the high sodium content down through the soil profile. Valley soils are known for high sodium and this often hinders the uptake of nutrients by the roots.

We will also be mowing either the Rye or dormant grass down low to help warm the soil and encourage the Bermuda growth. With fertilizer, the Bermuda will slowly begin to outpace the Rye. During transition, the turf will appear less attractive until it is complete.

#### THIS MONTH IN LANDSCAPING

On our web site at [www.AssetLandscaping.com](http://www.AssetLandscaping.com), you will find a link to our landscape planner outlining areas that are common to focus on each month. Also check out the archived newsletters for additional timely information.

As mentioned previously, Winter Rye to Bermuda conversion or bringing the Bermuda out of a dormant state, is one task being accomplished this month. By gradually increasing the amount of water to the turf, it encourages deep root growth and less water needed to keep the grass green. The deeper the roots grow, the more efficient the irrigation process can be. Using deep watering and proper types of fertilizer will encourage this allowing for more time between watering. Shorter, more frequent watering times allow more water to evaporate, which is direct water waste. Having a properly balanced irrigation system will not only save you water, it will make your turf look much better.

Asset Landscaping is making a big push for water conservation this year. SRP has been working with us for over a year and helped communities reap the rewards of thousands in grant money used for long term benefits of direct water savings. This experience far exceeds any other water savings program offered. Asset Landscaping is one of the VERY few companies currently up to speed and actively working with SRP.

Even without becoming a part of the SRP program, Asset Landscaping already has the technical knowledge and experience to employ many of the water conservation techniques to your application.

April is also the time to fertilize your Queen Palms and add more granite to those areas that are thin. We are adding staff all of the time to keep up with demand for our service.

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