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SPRING IRRIGATION CHECKUP

With summer lawn transition around the corner, our irrigation techs are inspecting the systems to ensure a relatively trouble free start up to the increased summer use.

This inspection generally includes checking back up batteries in the timers, proper operation of the timers and their communication to the valves. Running cycles to ensure proper coverage between heads for even spray patterns. Some heads will require new nozzles to achieve proper balance in the system. If there are several, we will contact you to work with you on this. Our goal during this time is to replace any broken or non functioning heads with parts that distribute the same gallon per hour as the system originally intended. Making these changes will allow the system to use less water while still maintaining a green lawn.

Soon the turf will be transitioned back to the summer Bermuda. (See the *Winter to Summer Turf Transition Bulletin*) Bermuda requires more water due to the higher temperatures that it is required to endure so the irrigation system is under a significantly larger strain and requires more maintenance and repair. Our technicians are on regular schedules so they can inspect the systems and make repairs as needed.

Keeping water conservation at the top of the list, let us know if you would like to become a part of the SRP Water Conservation Program. Asset Landscaping has been authorized to pre-approve you for this service that can save as much as 50% off your water usage.

~ BACKFLOW INSPECTIONS ~

Need your backflows inspected? We can provide that service now! With this service electronic reporting will be included with the backflow serial numbers for your records. Contact us when it is time for your required backflow inspections!



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THIS MONTH IN LANDSCAPING

On our web site at 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. Asset Landscaping is often requested to provide articles for local, regional and national publications. Many of these are archived on our Newsletter page as well. Please contact us if you would like an article for your publication.

Thanks to some warm weeks mid March, many of the shrubs that were renovation pruned are already coming in nicely! As they take their natural shape you will see how new your landscape looks. The mature root structure enables the quick growth. For those shrubs having problems returning, use of deep watering or soil amendments will help push the sodium down through the soil profile. This will allow the roots to uptake the available nutrients and give it a jump start.



Renovation style pruning will continue through the month. Species are normally pruned after their blooming period is over.

Some individual shrubs may need pruned early if they are woody or unhealthy in appearance.

Time to fertilize your Queen Palms for summer. This species of Palm has been very popular but can be temperamental if not cared for properly.

Due to the rains, weed season is here again! We are manually removing or spraying the weeds and will continue to work through the weed season that comes every spring.



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