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Is it Fall Yet?

When I was a Community Manager, I recognized that the management industry was tough during the summer, and I respected the work of the landscapers. What I never realized was how much more work there is, how much slower it goes, and how your best accounts in the winter, became some of the toughest to please in the summer. I guess that is the landscape business.

We are counting the days until the winter Rye is seeded! After the Bermuda is scalped, it gives us a couple of weeks to get things ready for the winter before it is time to mow the Rye. Until that time, please be patient, everything will work out and we will enjoy another nice winter.

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 this time of year.

This month is really a short list. For those of you planning a winter lawn, we have fertilized your turf with a formula for quick greening. If you do not seed in the winter, we will be fertilizing again with a formula to stimulate root growth. Depending on the weather in the fall or early winter, we should be able to hang on to your Bermuda lawn until it gets into the 60's and 50's at night.

Soon you will see the height the grass is mowed getting lower and lower. This is in preparation for scalping season. For those of you unfamiliar with this practice, it is predominately only done in Arizona and Nevada where the heat is too much for cool weather turf and the cool temperatures are too low to maintain the Bermuda. Scalping is the process by which we force the Bermuda into dormancy so the Rye can be seeded. Within a couple of weeks in September, most of the grass you see will suddenly turn brown from the reduction of water and the lower mowing height. Educate your homeowner's now, every year we get irate calls complaining that we killed their grass.

If you have Queen Palms, it is time to fertilize them. You can use a specially formulated mix or just use the turf fertilizer around the root zone if you would like.



2007 Budgets

If you have not already received them yet, you soon will. We have compiled landscape budgets to assist you in setting your 2007 Annual Budget numbers. We are sensitive to the financial concerns that you face with your communities and properties and we have tried to make the costs associated with each line item as reasonable as possible.

Some examples of this are as follows: Tree trimming; Many trees do not need trimmed every year, however depending on the type on your property, such as Mesquite trees, should be pruned every year. We have divided your trees up so that Mesquites can be trimmed at a minimum, every other year, other slower growing trees may be as much as every 4-5 years. Granite topcoat is much the same. Divide the property into sections, do a little each year in a couple of years, it will be done.

By spreading these costs over time, it keeps the property maintained while easing the burden of trying to find the money all at once. Your efforts may not be recognized, but we can always hope!

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Call or e-mail us for a land management proposal.

Construction

If you have an enhancement or install project coming up. Let us know and we can provide you with a proposal. During the summer we have long lead times, however you can get your fall projects scheduled now.

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