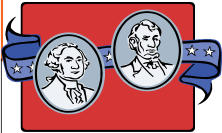
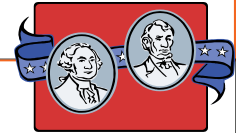




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FROST DAMAGE RECOVERY

Most areas throughout the County received frost which in turn damaged many plants such as Natal Plum, Bougainvillea, Orange Jubilee, etc... Generally we consider mid February as the time when frost is no longer a threat. After that time it is considered safe to begin pruning out the frost damage. Depending on the plant, it either needs renovation pruning (spring cutbacks) or selective pruning. The main difference is the rate at which the plant will re-grow. Natal Plum is very slow growing so hand pruning out the frost is the best avenue while Bougainvillea grow quickly and the recommended method is renovating. This will allow the shrub to start over as described in the article to the right.

Generally frost damage is left on the plant to help insulate and protect the remaining plant or roots from further damage if frost occurs again. While the plant looks dead, most of the time it is alive and will come back better than ever! With a mature root system, the plant is able to grow back quickly while appearing to be a new plant.

BACKFLOW SOLUTION

As mentioned last month, backflow theft has taken a sharp turn for the worst over the past few months. To combat this we recommend caging the backflows and locking them. Additionally we have an attachment to the caging system that significantly reduces the ability for the locks to be cut off of the cages. We are providing proposals to our customers to have these inexpensive parts installed to protect thousands in backflow replacement costs.

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!



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.

February is considered the beginning of spring in the landscaping business. As concerns of frost go away, spring renovation pruning can begin! As stated in the Sustainable Landscape Management book, renovation pruning promotes an aesthetic appearance of shrubs and groundcovers in a designed urban landscape. Renovation of shrubs allows maintenance pruning when the shrub is not blooming. Looking for an educational presentation on plant renovation? Contact us for this brief educational presentation.



Olive trees need to be sprayed this month to reduce Olive production.

Now is the time to approve tree pruning. Regardless of species, if you are on a regular tree maintenance program, your trees will remain healthy, attractive, and

as safe as possible year around.

Toward the end of the month is a good time to begin planting again. Although trees and plants can be installed all year long, it is always better to wait until the possibility of frost is gone. Likewise, granite installation is perfect for the colder months. Consider the difference between installing granite in 70 degrees and 110 degrees!

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