



## **FROST DAMAGED PLANTS AND CUTBACKS**

As you may have seen in the communities, neighborhoods, and even the news, the frost really touched the shrubs, trees, and even some of the grass this year. The news reports have shown the details of this fairly accurately.

They do look dead right now and some may in fact be dead. Most however, will make their way back. In order for us to remove the dead, many shrubs such as the Bougainvillea, Oleanders, Lantana, etc.. will be “stumped back” meaning cut below the frost damaged portion of the plant. This will be a rather shocking picture to many people who do not know what is happening. This is the reason for this bulletin. Not everyone takes advantage of the information given to them but we are hoping this will reduce the number of calls you receive regarding this process.

Though it will not happen all in one week, we will begin most areas right away.

## **SPRING AERATION**

As we begin to wind down the winter season, it is time to begin thinking about summer soil and turf conditioning. One of the most cost effective ways to improve your turf is aeration.

Lawn core aeration is a process of removing small tube shape “cores” of turf and soil. Aeration will loosen the soil allowing more efficient absorption of water, fertilizer, air, and sunlight. It allows the turf to grow deeper roots which provides more area for the turf to obtain needed water. With all of the proper elements reaching the soil, there is good micronutrient growth and the soil amendments can assist the turf in the absorption of key nutrients.

This should be done at least once per year. If your turf has been over seeded, we usually want to aerate during the month of April or May. If you only have dormant Bermuda, we can begin as early as March to assist in the quick recovery process and green those areas more quickly.



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