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Summer Irrigation

Your summer turf is most likely Bermuda Grass. There are numerous types of Bermuda and each one has its strengths and weaknesses.

One weakness they all share is the need for a minimum of 8 hours of direct sunlight every day. While this sunlight gives the Bermuda the heat and light it needs, it also requires a significant amount of water to grow. Only a few days without water, or not enough water can turn it brown and take a long time to recover. If you see an irrigation problem, please let us know as soon as possible. Our irrigation techs are extremely busy this time of year but we will make every effort to complete repairs as soon as possible. If a vacuum breaker is shut off for some reason, make us aware of this problem, immediately.

Recent copper theft has left many people without irrigation. There are cages available to lock your backflow valves from easy theft. While this is not foolproof and is expensive, it is not as expensive as the cost of a new backflow valve and the loss of water service. There are cages for clocks too. If you have tampering with your clocks or have had clocks stolen, this is another deterrent. Some of the larger clocks can cost well over \$1000 to replace and a cage is significantly less.

The Heat of Summer

We all know summer brings heat and we all know how hot the desert is, but did you know what effect the heat has on the plants? Well, without water, it's a given that they cannot survive and it is really the amount of sunlight, not necessarily the heat that has the greatest effect. The longer available sunlight causes the plants to grow faster. When you formally trim, it causes the plant to use more water. This is just one of many negative effects of formal trimming. Email a request for an extensive article on this!

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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.

The tasks are the same for most of the summer. Fertilize, trim and re-stake trees, more fertilizer, spray pre-emergent for weeds, and trim Palm trees.

While this doesn't offer much in the way of variety, it is very important to get all of these things done. Trees are often forgotten until the monsoons are here and tree damage can cost you as much or more than the professional trimming would have.

Pre-emergent is more important than ever. With a recent increase of thistle from open fields that have been left to grow weeds, we have seen Tumble weeds (Russian Thistle) and Star Thistle (they grow as much as 1' per week and can grow to over 6' tall) taking over. The Tumble Weed detaches from the ground and rolls by help of the wind spreading thousands of seeds with every "tumble". A more potent chemical is needed for those properties with this problem. Let us know if this is an issue you need taken care of on your property.

2008 Budgets

It is almost budget time again! I know that is not exciting for most managers so Asset Landscaping is here to help!

As part of our service, we provide you with an Annual Landscape Budget. We will send this to you within the next couple of months for each location we maintain service. If you provide feedback on the budget, I can work with you to come up with a custom budget based on the needs of the property. Guess what? At no extra charge! How much time is that going to save you!??



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