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PRE-EMERGENT

As most of you have seen in past seasons, unwanted weeds sprout after a series of rains or when environmental conditions are conducive for germination and growth. Though weeds are classified as winter or summer annuals, perennials or biennials, our seasons can be so mild some seasonal weeds can germinate and survive outside of their classification. Spurge, a summer annual that typically begins germinating in the late spring, generally dies at the first frost, can hang on to life until spring if our winter is mild. This makes it very difficult to properly time your pre-emergent applications. **Pre-emergent herbicides must be applied within 30 days of ½" of rain to be most effective, and prior to weeds germinating. If a weed seed germinates, pre-emergent herbicides will not impact or kill the weed.** With a limited amount of rain in our region, we must time our pre-emergent applications *prior* to the summer monsoons (July/ August) and our winter rains (December/ January) to obtain good weed control. After the application is 'watered in' with the rain (note: ½" of rain is equivalent to 13,000+ gallons of water!) the product should last 5-6 months for most weeds. Another thing to consider is the 'weeds' that may be plaguing your property may not be 'weeds,' but might be woody plants like Brittlebush or Desert Broom, which are not controlled by traditional pre-emergent's. There are also weeds that are not controlled, but are reduced or *suppressed* by the herbicide. One great example of a hard-to-control weed is Russian thistle, or tumbleweed, which can germinate beyond the herbicide barrier. Other weeds that are not controlled with pre-emergents include Bermuda grass, nutsedge, and tree seedlings or suckers.

With two pre-emergent applications per year and routine visits to post-emerge any escaped weeds, annual, perennial and biennial weeds can be managed.

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.

Fertilizer has been applied and with the increased heat, water amounts will be increased as well. Remember, if you are interested in taking part in the SRP HOA water conservation program, please contact us. There will only be space for a couple more communities to take advantage of the program for this year. The program has already secured one community \$3000 in grant money to apply toward water conservation efforts!

This month and next are Palm tree trimming time. Please let us know if you need a proposal for these to be trimmed. Timing is crucial, especially for Date Palms. If you have ever been around when the Dates drop, it is just as messy as Olive Trees. If timed correctly, you can catch the trees just after the dates come out, but before they release. This allows you to limit your trimming to one time per year. Because of this spike in demand, it is important that you are on the schedule now.

Now is the time to get the approvals on regular tree maintenance. Especially desert trees like Mesquite, and Palo Verde to name a couple. By properly thinning the crown, this not only allows the tree to grow more healthy and look better, it lets more sunlight through to the ground for the turf areas and when monsoons begin, the wind will be able to blow through the trees and not against them reducing damage and possible tree loss which is always more expensive than the tree maintenance itself. Mature neighborhoods often have Eucalyptus trees. These are just one of many trees that are often planted within striking distance of structures and cars that are often overlooked until they come crashing down.

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