



MONSOON SEASON!!!

If you watch any kind of weather news, I'm sure you have heard that the monsoon began June 15th and ends September 30th. While we would never expect to see a big storm approaching this week, it is a good date to keep in mind to make preparations in many areas. Set dates are a change over weather conditions that were used in the past.

Personally, it is a good time to have your vehicles serviced, check the tread on your tires, and replace your windshield wipers.

In your landscape it is necessary to prepare for high winds, lots of rain, and standing water. Currently we are checking the staking of the smaller trees to make sure that they are properly secured. This does not mean that the tree will not blow over. Staking is meant to allow the tree to remain flexible so it does not break once staking is no longer necessary. Stakes and wire are meant to break at the point that the tree will be at risk to snap the trunk. This will allow it to fall over, but potentially be saved if the roots do not break. If the roots break, saving it is unlikely.

Thinning the canopy of the tree will allow the wind to blow through the tree and limit the amount of force that is captured by the canopy. A full canopy will act like a parachute and catch the wind while the properly pruned tree will function more like a colander. Damage may still occur, however the risk is much less and the cost is also much less than a new tree.

Desert trees such as Mesquites are fast growing and must be professionally pruned every year. Consult a certified Arborist on which trees can wait.

Finally, with the rains, plenty of water will be supplied to your turf and ornamentals. Rain or moisture sensors can pay for themselves.



Additional Information

3TV has a great show every year that will educate newcomers to the valley on what the Monsoon is and how to prepare. Just follow this link: http://www.azfamily.com/news/local/stories/Phoenix_local_news_061208_monsoon-2008-special.26dc730d.html

Just copy and paste this into your browser for more information. If that does not work, follow www.azfamily.com for the monsoon special.



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