



## Welcome to 2012!

We would like to welcome everyone to 2012. We hope everyone had a wonderful and safe holiday season.

As you can see, our newsletter has had a makeover that we hope will make it easier to read and still provide useful and timely updates to answer your landscape maintenance questions.

We welcome your feedback and suggestions so the information provided is useful to you.

Happy New Year and please enjoy the newsletter!



## This Month in Landscaping

On our web site at [www.AssetLandscaping.com](http://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.

The focus in January is weed control. As we all know, since the rain only comes a few times each year, a significant amount of weed seed collects on the ground and begins to germinate as soon as it gets wet enough to begin the process. While pre-emergent is used to significantly control many weeds, several weeds are either hard to control, or cannot be controlled. Most woody weeds and grasses cannot be controlled with pre-emergent and must be manually removed or treated with a systemic herbicide which is absorbed by the plant down into the roots. Until the roots are removed or dead, the weed will return. Winter weeds require a contact herbicide because Glyphosate, the active ingredient in most systemic herbicides, is not very effective in cooler weather. Unfortunately, the contact herbicides can allow the root system to live and the weed to grow back.

Preparing for next month it is time for Olive tree spraying. This treatment is necessary to significantly

## Additional Services

Some services you might not have utilized from Asset Landscaping in the past that we offer:

- Very competitive granite replenishment prices
- Turf to granite conversions
- One time clean up
- Olive Tree Spraying
- Smart Controller Installations
- Backflow inspections with electronic report filing to the city for you
- Sand sifting and cleaning for playgrounds, volleyball courts, etc...
- Playground equipment inspections, cleaning, and repairs
- Artificial Turf
- Pavers
- Outdoor cement furniture



reduce the number of Olives produced this spring. The application must be timed properly for the more effective control which is mid February. If you don't have the proposal yet, ask us, we can take care of that for you!

Cooler weather is the time for granite top dressing. As your granite thins out, the soil loses moisture, is more susceptible to erosion, and easier for weeds to germinate. Staying on a regular plan to top dress a section at least one time per year will keep your property looking fresh and spread out the cost over years rather than a one time lump sum.



## Sustainable Landscape Management

Asset Landscaping provides sustainable landscape management to our clients enabling them to not only have great looking landscaping, but contribute toward the sustainability movement. Asset Landscaping has personnel certified in Sustainable Landscape Management and won the Best Sustainable Landscape Award for 2011. Click on the article title to be taken to the ALCA Sustainable Landscape Management page.

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