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ENHANCING YOUR ENVIRONMENT

SUMMER!!

Well, summer didn't exactly sneak up on us so we are not really surprised. With temperatures that reach well into the 100's, the assumption would be that nothing would thrive. Well we are in the desert and that is why these plants are at their peak growing season.

For areas that require constant trimming, the shrubs may look more formally trimmed. Unfortunately it is necessary to either take it completely back which risks too much exposure to the sun, or light trimming which will take the blooms off as well. We will try to minimize this as much as possible by waiting to trim them until absolutely necessary.

Deep watering is used during the summer to promote healthy root growth. By pushing the water deep into the soil, the roots will drive farther down to get to it. This allows the overall water amount used to be reduced over a time period. Some of the heartier shrubs such as Bougainvillea and Oleanders actually flower more when they are slightly stressed.

Irrigation

Lets talk about the system that makes it possible for the non-native plants to stay healthy during the normal summer drought.

Since so much more water is used during the summer, our irrigation techs and foreman are running through their system tests to look for leaks, broken parts, missing emitters and any lines that need plugged. This will save thousands of gallons of water over the summer. The reason that more leaks occur during the summer is the increased amount of use. The system runs longer and more frequently and is exposed to higher temperatures. If your turf was not over seeded this winter, your system still should have run a short cycle or two just to keep the parts from drying out. There are rubber parts that will crack and fail if they are not exposed to water occasionally.

Now is also the time to change the battery in your irrigation clock. This backup can be a huge time saver if the power goes out. Your settings will be saved and no re-programming will be necessary.

Weeds

We mentioned weeds last month and since weeds are the most common problem this time a year, it is worth mentioning again.

For the pre-emergent to work, it needs to be watered in. There is the problem. Normally, February is the time to begin spraying, however due to the lack of rain, some areas were not sprayed until recently, some that were sprayed are being re-treated because it was never watered in. Now that all of the spray techs are busy sun up to sun down, running from property to property, it may be a couple of weeks until you see the weeds subside. The tall weeds, we are pulling or cutting off at the ground depending on the situation, the small ones are being sprayed and once dead, will be removed.

Landscape Planner

Please check out our landscape planner at www.AssetLandscaping.com for specific items that will be addressed in their respective months. A big item to be planning for is tree trimming. The monsoons can cost you more in tree damage than the trimming itself. Let us know and we will send a certified Arborist out to recommend a pruning schedule.



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Hiring

Due to the large amount of growth we have experienced, Asset Landscaping is hiring for positions from laborer to Supervisory positions. If you or someone else you know is interested, contact us.

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