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BROWN GRASS!!!

We have been talking about this time for months and now it is here. The nights are warmer and the days, well, are getting up there.

To recap what is going on: The Winter Rye is starting to thin out and the Summer Bermuda is beginning to come out of dormancy. If allowed to naturally transition, the two species of grass will compete and eventually the Bermuda will win out. The problem is that in the interim, there is thatch from the dying Rye that is choking out the Bermuda causing the Bermuda to return patchy.

The process now is cutting off the water to speed up the death of the Rye and in about a week the water will be turned back on and the turf fertilized to encourage new green turf growth. Depending on the resiliency of the turf, some may come back within days and others may take a week or two to really see a strong stand. Regardless, green grass will return soon!

SUMMER SAFETY

As temperatures rise, so does the possibility of personal injury in the form of dehydration, heat stress, or heat stroke. Please make sure to drink what you might think as an excessive amount of water all day long. This is the best way to combat the effects of high temperatures. Additionally, make sure to wear sun block, hats, and other clothing to protect yourself from the sun. We wish you a safe summer!

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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. 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.

As the column on the left mentions, transition from winter to summer lawns is now underway. The irrigation department has been testing for the last couple of months to prepare the system for this very time. Having said this, with the extra use, weather, and time, the irrigation system will break down occasionally and require more maintenance.



This is natural for this time of year.

As the renovation cut backs continue, most of the shrubs have already come back soft and green. With our next rain they will most likely bloom (if they are a blooming species). The mature root system goes a long way toward the plants recovery and what we see above the ground looks like a new shrub was planted. This is the best of both worlds. Moving forward, light trimming will be done to keep the natural shape somewhat symmetrical without shearing the foliage off.

Aeration is beginning! Aeration is the single most effective treatment for your turf. For the health, drought tolerance, root growth and conservation of water, this is often overlooked but necessary for a sustainable lawn.

As a reminder Palm tree trimming starts next month!

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