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WATER CONSERVATION

There are many ways you can take steps to save water. Some require long term thinking and others will pay for themselves within a few months.

Finding the right balance is a decision you have to make. Asset can provide you with the information if you are looking to take that step. Something as simple as moisture sensors to turn off your clocks when it rains to Smart Controllers that will irrigate based on what is needed rather than a set program. Both of these can pay dividends in a rather short period of time considering the investment amount.

Asset Landscaping is Aqua Conserve Certified to install and balance the system for this installation as well as many other smart controllers. Contact us to get you started down the road of water and money savings!



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.

The winter rye grass has germinated for many of you that were seeded in the last few weeks. Once the grass has established enough roots that the mowers will not pull the blades of grass out of the ground, we will begin to mow and then fertilize to ensure it stays as green as possible in case of frost.

After the fertilizer has been watered in, the times will be adjusted back to a less frequent schedule. Some areas that have had spot seeding will need mulch to keep the area moist and encourage quicker germination.

Winter flowers are now being installed. Winter annuals are some of the most beautiful flowers used in Arizona.

Maintenance crews begin cut backs on non-frost sensitive shrubs, and also the Mexican Bird of Paradise which is, for the most part, dormant during the winter. Once spring comes around with warmer temperatures, these plants "spring" back to life and grow quickly. Lantana's are being trimmed back to a smaller size so when they do get frosted or just cold, it will already be a more manageable size to care for. Keeping some structure on these shrubs insulates the roots so they can come back strong next winter as well.

WINTER PROJECTS

Winter time is the best time to accomplish some of the most labor intensive projects. Granite is a perfect cool weather project. Installation is faster and easier because it isn't 120 degrees in the granite. There are no concerns with frost, or other weather and granite still remains the most cost effective enhancement you can do to your landscape. Boulders also make a nice accent that doubles as a sitting spot, or traffic deterrent.

Bring us in to help plan for next summer. Larger projects need lots of planning and we are here to help. Want to convert turf to xeriscape for water savings? Plan now and have it installed by mid summer. Contact us at Sales@AssetLandscaping.com.



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