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Fall Turf Conversion

Scalping season is upon us. The monsoon season is still hanging on, the humidity is up, and everything is growing even faster than ever.

Since the grass grew so fast because of the rain, and we are working toward scalping, we have already begun to bring the height back to 2". Since Bermuda grass grows from the tips and not the base, only 50% of the Bermuda grass blade is green. When you cut more than 40% of the height, the lower brown portion is left showing when it normally would not be. For this reason, we try to keep the Bermuda at 2". This not only is better for the Bermuda, but is also high enough to compensate for the uneven surfaces normally found.

At the end of this month, you will really see the turf mowed low. A height of 1 1/2" or less will produce a lot of dust and the entire grass area will then be brown. This is the actual process of scalping and it is necessary to get good germination from the winter Rye grass. Once this is done, the irrigation is inspected, the seed planted, and the water turned on. We will cover more of the germination process in the October newsletter.

Winter Preparation

In the interest of planning ahead, begin thinking about what projects you would like to get completed this winter. When the weather is cooler, it is the best time to topcoat your granite, repair the erosion damage that has been put off, and take care of those major clean up jobs.

When enhancements with plant installation slow down because the weather is cooler, you will be able to get on the schedule more quickly, the crews work faster, and it doesn't interfere with any other projects that are going on. Call us for a proposal!

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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.

As mentioned in the adjacent article, September is mostly all about preparing the turf areas for overseeding. Well, what if you do not overseed? Well, you will get another fertilization to assist in keeping the Bermuda grass around as long as possible. We will keep the grass at or just below 2" and nurse it along until it is simply too cold or not enough direct sunlight to keep the Bermuda from going dormant.

Another alternative is to consider some facts. The time when people are outside enjoying the turf areas is winter. Summer is the least likely time to be enjoying the parks. Turf must be watered nearly every day during the summer to remain vibrant. Winter watering is approximately 3 days per week. Winter is the moist Rye grass that is very soft to the touch and is the deepest green.

Maybe maintaining a winter lawn is the better investment over the summer lawn?.... Just a thought.

Tree Maintenance

Almost everyone knows that landscape maintenance is a necessity that should not be overlooked, however tree maintenance is just as important. In fact, trees are a huge factor when planning your annual landscape budget.

Getting on a regular professional tree pruning schedule very early in the growth cycle of the trees can help train the trees to grow in not only the healthiest manner, but the most aesthetically pleasing way too. Just because a tree is under the 10'-12' height that is taken care of by the maintenance contract, does not mean this provides the proper pruning necessary for future growth. We can help you with this plan!



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