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SEPTEMBER IS TURF TRANSITION

If you are new to the desert southwest, you are in for a shock! If you have been here for one or maybe many years, it seems impossible that that time of year is upon us.

As the night temperatures begin to come down, the Bermuda will begin to slow down and when it becomes too cold (approximately 65 degree average soil temp), it will begin to go dormant. For that reason, winter Rye grass is overseeded late September, early October so there is green lush grass when people are out enjoying the weather.

This process begins during September by mowing lower than 2" and cutting back on the water and eventually shutting off the water and cutting the Bermuda down as low as the mower will drop. Once this is complete, irrigation will be once again inspected and tested and Rye seed spread. Once seeded, it should take about a week depending on the weather to see germination and about 3-4 weeks before the grass is established enough to mow. We will highlight this again in next months newsletter.

If you want green lawns for winter, now is the last chance to get your order in.

AACM ANNUAL TRADE SHOW

Thank you to everyone who stopped by our booth and also a big thanks to Big Red from the Arizona Cardinals for joining us in the morning! We had a great turn out and a very smooth event. Thank you to the events committee for another well planned trade show.



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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.

Because overseeding is such a large process and there are many questions, the article on the left addressed some of this process.

Leading up to the scalping process, we will try to accelerate the trimming if needed and touch up on some other areas that will save time when it is time to transition the turf.

For those of you not wanting winter lawns, fertilizer will be spread to keep it green as far into winter as possible. Many turf areas accumulate weeds when not overseeded and to reduce this, a pre-emergent should be applied and then a post emergent during the winter to kill what has germinated or grown will improve the looks and help the Bermuda come back better in the spring. Get this scheduled now!

Even though the temperatures at night are much better, the rainfall has been much less than needed. The irrigation systems do deliver water to sustain the needs of the plant, however the sodium content in the water and ground are harmful to the plants. Occasional rains are needed to flush the sodium and PH levels through the soil profile and release the nutrient block those cause. Rain is better than fertilizing any time of year. There are chemicals that can be applied that have the same effect and are better than overwatering but rain will come and the recovery will follow.



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