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MONSOON SEASON JUNE 15

Last year the "powers that be" decided to have an official date when the monsoon season would begin. Maybe they were tired of answering the question of when over and over and thought this would be easier.

Monsoon Season brings much needed moisture to the desert floor after a normally dry period. Well, it hasn't been all that dry and they are expecting an El Nino effect. While I believe there is an amount of speculation about that, it is always better to be prepared.

What do you need to be prepared? Well personally, always have plenty of batteries and flashlights around for those late night power outages. Always keep your fuel tank filled above half or at least no less than a quarter of a tank. Install new windshield wipers and put your umbrella back in your car. Well, if you can find it! Most importantly, get those trees trimmed!

Nothing does more damage more quickly than strong winds blowing into a dense canopy. If you are concerned about the appearance of your landscaping, proper tree trimming will protect the health and beauty of the trees, allow them to be structurally pruned for proper future growth, and reduce the amount of damage to the trees and/or personal property. Many Arbor companies are already booked through the monsoon season so contact us to get scheduled as soon as possible!



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.

June is still an acceptable month to aerate your turf. Aeration will help loosen soil surface tension and allow water, sunlight, and nutrients to penetrate deeper into the soil. The purpose is to encourage Bermuda Grass Roots to grow deeper. This will assist the Bermuda to sustain itself with less water.

For those turf areas in heavy shade, you may be still seeing the winter rye hanging in there. These cooler areas are harder for Bermuda grass to grow and lessening the direct sunlight keeps the soil cooler for the winter rye. This can make for an awkward looking transition. Other situations that can slow the transition period are things like vandalism such as tire tracks. If there was damage to the Bermuda on the surface over the winter, it will take longer for the grass to grow back in depending on damage. Amount of weeds in the turf areas during the winter. Especially if you did not overseed during the winter, you may have had a significant weed population. Even if these weeds were treated, the Bermuda still needs to spread back into those areas.

For most areas, the recent application of fertilizer, proper mower height and water schedule will green up the turf quickly.

This month and next are the time to have your Palm Trees trimmed. Seed pods and especially the dates can make a lot of mess if the trimming is not timed correctly. Too early and the pods will grow out early or come out again, too late and you will have the seeds littering the ground.

Please remember to drink extra water during the summer!

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