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## **MONSOON**

Fast growing trees can act as a sail in the wind during the monsoon and usually blow over. This can be prevented by thinning out the interior canopy of the tree. Doing so will take a lot of weight out of the tree. Also, properly staking your trees, i.e. double staking, when they are young will greatly benefit the tree during wind storms and also aid in the development of the tree.

There are many options when staking trees. We carry many different sizes of tree stakes and Duckbill wiring systems depending on the size of the tree.

Take advantage of the rain by turning off your watering system for up to a few days or more, depending on how much rain you receive.

## **LAWNS**

Continue to use Turf Royale or Fertilome™ Southwest Greenmaker every 4 to 6 weeks to ensure your lawn stays deep green in color. Apply Dispersul (Sulfur) or Cal-Sul-Mini (pelletized gypsum) as a supplement to your lawn fertilizer. Dispersul contains not only sulfur but iron and manganese as well to help with greening. Cal-Sul-Mini is a great way to add calcium to the soil, something our soil greatly lacks. Both of these products will also help loosen our hard clay soil and lower the pH. If you are having drainage issues, apply these products once or twice this summer at the same time you are fertilizing to help loosen the soil.

Remember not to water your summer lawn more than 2 to 3 days a week for 10 to 20 minutes at a time and in the morning only. Even with the 100 degree plus temperatures it is not necessary to water daily. This will help you avoid any fungal problems in your lawn. If you do end up with a fungus, Physan 20 is very effective at killing them.

Bermuda seed can still be planted to fill in any bare areas in your lawn. We recommend not to over seed with rye grass in the fall for the first year of a newly planted lawn. This will ensure your Bermuda grass will transition better out of dormancy in the spring.

## **FRUIT TREES**

To prevent sun burn, keep the trunks of all fruit trees protected from the intense summer sun.

Netting is very effective at keeping out birds that can damage your ripening fruit.

## **WATERING**

Just a reminder, as the temperatures increase so does your trees and shrubs thirst for water, but do not make the mistake of overwatering. Run your drip system more in the terms of hours as opposed to just minutes. For most landscape trees and shrubs it is best to water long, deep, and less often than it is to water for 15 to 30 minutes every day or every other day. The key is to water deeply and let the soil dry out before watering again.

## **VEGETABLES**

Keep your vegetable garden protected from the afternoon sun. It is too hot for most vegetables to set any new fruit. Protect tomato and pepper plants and they will begin producing again come fall, if not, you can replant in the fall.

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