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Thank you for signing up for our inaugural newsletter! Each month we will provide you with helpful tips and information that will assist you in creating and maintaining the beautiful yard that you want.

Please be sure to check out our newly designed website, www.treelandnurseries.com. Over the next few months we will be adding many new how-to videos, along with photos and information to our plant catalog. Our goal is to make it easy to find difficult information about landscaping, specifically for the Phoenix Metro area. We look forward to hearing any feedback you may have to make our site the best around.

LAWNS

Once your rye grass has been growing for 10-14 days, then you will want to begin the transition of cutting back on how often you water your lawn to once a day for 5-7 minutes. At this time, you'll also want to check for bare spots where you may need to apply more seed. Additionally, now is the time to begin fertilizing your new lawn with either Turf Royale™ or Ammonium Phosphate. Both of these products should be applied at 5 pounds per 1000 square feet. Be sure to water the lawn area for at least 10 – 15 minutes immediately after applying the fertilizer. After 4 to 6 weeks, you will only need to water your lawn for 10-12 minutes twice a week.

If you have not yet over seeded your lawn for the winter, it isn't too late. You can still take advantage of our warmer than normal temperatures and put your seed down now. You typically have until mid-November to put your seed down but in order to reach optimal growth, be sure to use El Toro™ Steer Manure as a seed cover to help your seed germinate during the cooler evenings.

WEED CONTROL

With the arrival of fall weather, now is the time to take preventative measures to safeguard your yard from pesky weeds during the winter. By utilizing a pre-emergent, you can save yourself hours of spraying and pulling weeds. We carry many types of pre-emergent and they can be found in a granular or liquid form. We recommend Hi-Yield® Turf & Ornamental Weed and Grass Stopper as a granular option. If you prefer a liquid pre-emergent, Monterey Weed Impeded is the way to go. One major benefit of these pre-emergents is that they can be used around most plants; be sure to ask one of our professionals so that we can find the best fit for your situation.

By simply putting down an effective pre-emergent two to three times a year, you can easily prevent the headache of having to deal with the removal of most weeds year round.

VEGETABLES

If you have your winter garden planted, now would be the ideal time to fertilize with Growmore Fruit and Vegetable or General Purpose Formulas. Be sure to protect your vegetables from any random frost with DeWitt N-Sulate Frost Cloth.

TREES & SHRUBS

Now is the time to do any desired pruning on most trees and shrubs. We do recommend waiting until January to prune any deciduous trees or shrubs you may have. While the temperatures are still warm, colder temperatures can move in at any time. This time of the year is especially important to watch the weather and be sure to protect any frost sensitive plants or trees during cold evenings.

WATERING

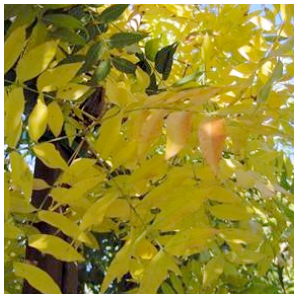
Now is a great time to adjust your drip system settings from your summer program to your fall and winter program. We talk to people every day who water their plants every day to every other day for only 15 to 30 minutes at a time, which is not ideal. It is best to think of running your drip system more in terms of hours as opposed to only minutes. Drippers will generally water anywhere from 1 gallon to 6 gallons per hour. Most shrubs require 6-8 gallons of water at each watering depending on size and most trees will require anywhere from 25-50 gallons of water or more at each watering depending on size. Be sure to water no more than every 10-14 days through the winter on most trees and shrubs. If you are not sure how much your plants need please feel free to contact us.



PLANT OF THE MONTH

Royal Breeze Deer Grass (*Muhlenbergia capillaris*)

This drought tolerant grass creates a beautiful pink haze of flowers during the fall. It fits in with most all types of landscapes ranging from xeriscape to lush tropical. This variety of deer grass makes a great accent plant around boulders and water features. We recommend pruning it back nearly to ground level each year around late January into February.



TREE OF THE MONTH

Chinese Pistache (*Pistacia chinensis*)

This drought tolerant tree brings beautiful fall colors that include red, orange, and yellow. Chinese Pistache is moderate growing and will provide dense shade with a canopy reaching 30'-40' feet in height and width. Female trees will have clusters of small fruit.