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Monthly Tips to Help You Care For and Maintain Your Landscape

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Since April, May and June are the peak growing months for most of our plants, be sure to provide all your plants with the nutrients they need. Warm season turf, shrubs, trees, vines and groundcovers benefit from the application of fertilizer with at least half its nitrogen in a slow release form. Use a high nitrogen analysis on flowers and vegetables.



Roses:

Slow release type food can be applied to Roses in May, at least ½ cup per plant. Start feeding, using chemical food first and organics when the ground warms up. Water beds before feeding and spraying. Also, mulch now with 2 to 3 inches composted material.

Keep old blooms cut off for continuous blooming.

Uncontrolled fungus diseases will do as much or more harm than insects. Treat downy and powdery mildew on vegetables and black spot on Roses before damages appear.

Trees, Shrubs, Flowers:

- Pecan trees can be treated for case bearers about mid-month, include fungicide to control pecan scab.
- You can propagate summer shrubs with root cuttings. Remember not to remove foliage from spring flowering bulbs until it dies down.
- Thin fruit of peaches, plums and grapes in May to ensure maximum mature size of those that remain.
- Tropical flowering, foliage plants for hot weather color can be planted now.
- This includes Caladiums, Firebush, Bouganvillas, Hibiscus, Chenille plants and others.
- Control ticks, chiggers and fleas with lawn and landscape sprays.



Gardens:

- Sweet potatoes, okra, southern peas and melons can also be planted this month.

Irrigation System Check

This is the season to have your irrigation system checked out. With all the unusual weather patterns South Texas has had in the last three years (freezing in winter and drought conditions in the summer) there could be damage to your system causing inefficient watering patterns. Please call our office so we can have one of our technicians run your system and take advantage of our season special.



THE BENEFITS OF GRASS

- Under the growing pressures of pollution and noise, grass and landscaping have become more and more important to sustaining and improving our environment and our lives. We receive many benefits from grass.
- The average size lawn will produce enough oxygen for a family of four each day during the growing season.
- The leaves of grass plants absorb air pollutants. In a year's time, the same size flourishing lawn can absorb hundreds of pounds of common atmospheric pollutants such as sulfur dioxide and carbon dioxide.
- Grass is one of the most cost-effective ways to control wind and water erosion of the soil, as well as eliminate dust and mud problems. Grasses bind the soil better than any other plant.
- Every child knows that when it's too hot to walk barefoot on the sidewalk, the grass is a cool and inviting alternative. Studies have shown that when the temperature of a sidewalk or street is over 100 degrees, the grass surface remains at a cool 75 degrees. Compared to air conditioners, the front lawns on a block of eight houses have a combined cooling effect of about 70 tons of air conditioning.
- Grass is, of course, beautiful as well as functional. While performing all of the practical services, grass is fun to play on and it feels good to walk on.
- As for the homeowner, in a survey, real estate agents from four regions of the country said that a well-maintained lawn would add an average of about 4% to the resale value of a home.



Have a Glorious Day and Please, . . . Enjoy the Outdoors,

Francisco Suarez-Pella, Owner
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Safety Tip

**IS YOUR
DRINKING
WATER SAFE?**



If you have a sprinkler system you should have a backflow prevention device. If you don't, your house water may not be safe. Green Grass has licensed Backflow Inspectors and Installers. Call us for more