

Monthly Tips for



"Clippings"

Monthly Tips to Help You Care For and Maintain Your Landscape



- If you haven't yet done so, be sure to mulch sensitive perennials heavily. Be sure to remove debris from flower beds and gardens. This helps prevent the growth of diseases and keep out insects.
- Less damage will be done to your plants this winter if you mulch them. Green Grass can provide this service.
- Pre-cooled spring flowering bulbs should be planted this month and next month. Many annuals can still be planted for winter blooms.
- Store pecans at 36 to 40 degrees Fahrenheit. They shouldn't be stored with onions or oranges.
- Ask Green Grass about applying broadleaf weed killer to stop henbit, dandelions, clover and chickweed before it turns really cold.
- November is a good time for planting trees. Also, if you have young deciduous trees and shrubs that need to be transplanted, you can move them as soon as they reach dormancy.
- If Roses have overgrown their boundaries and extend into walks and driveway, you can do minor reshaping now. Save major pruning of Roses for February for bush types and May for climbers.

GREEN GRASS CAN PROVIDE ANY AND ALL OF THESE SERVICES FOR YOU





FLOWERING SHRUBS"

There are many flowering shrubs for south Texas. The following are some that are easy to care for:

ALTHEA - A deciduous shrub, takes full or partial sun and is very hardy. It grows to about 10 feet tall, but may be kept at 5 to 6 feet tall. It has flowers in white, pink, orchid or red.

ABELIA - Fast growing, has fragrant, bell-shaped pink or white flowers. It blooms summer to fall, is semi-evergreen, loves full sun.

OLEANDER - Fast growing, is heat and drought tolerant and adapts well to poor soil. The flowers bloom throughout summer into fall. Can grow 10-20 feet tall and 10 feet wide. Dwarf varieties grow to about 4 feet tall and 3 feet wide. Flower colors are white, red, pink or salmon.

MAHONIA - Grows in shade to semi-shade, blooms bright yellow flowers in the winter, followed by big clusters of blue berries (not edible). Grows 4 to 6 feet tall.

POMEGRANATE - The double, orange-red, carnation like flowers appear in late spring to early summer and are followed by showy, edible fruit with an unusual flavor and texture. Drought and heat tolerant.

DWARF BOTTLE BRUSH - Evergreen, tolerates heat, cold and adverse soils. Has spectacular crimson red brush-like flowers. Grows to about 8 feet tall.

LOROPETALUM - Bushy, evergreen shrub, has sweetly scented, spider like pink flowers in the spring. Prefers moist, well drained soil. Full sun or partial shade.

YOUR SPRINKLER SYSTEM

Have you ever noticed that your sprinkler system is still running even when it's raining? Save money and water and let us install a rain sensor that will automatically shut off your system when it rains. Also available is a freeze sensor that will shut off your system when it freezes. By shutting off the system during a freeze, you will avoid slippery grounds, sidewalks and driveways.

Call Green Grass for details on installing sensors.

WINTERIZING YOUR TREES AND SHRUBS

Caring for trees and shrubs is a year-round activity, but certain actions should be taken in the fall to prepare plants for winter.



The best thing you can do for woody ornamentals, particularly Azaleas, Rhododendrons, etc. in the fall, is to make sure they get enough water. If we don't get much rain, supplementary irrigation is needed before the leaves wilt and permanent damage is done. You can stop watering deciduous plants soon after the leaves drop, but continue to water evergreens into the winter unless rainfall is abundant.

A two to four inch layer of mulch around the base of trees and shrubs will help retain soil moisture and, at the same time, insulate against temperature extremes. However, don't overdo it – more is not better. Don't pile mulch against the trunk or stem because this can encourage development of plant diseases at the critical root collar level. Instead, taper mulch depth to zero as you approach the stem.

Tree and shrub health care is more than a seasonal concern; it is a reward for year-round diligence and attention to what is happening. Basic winterizing procedures is an important part of good year-round tree and shrub care.

Call Green Grass for a free consultation.



*Wishing your whole family generous helpings of laughter
and fun, with seconds of course, before you done
and then lots of leftover happiness too
To enjoy even after Thanksgiving is through..*

Happy Thanksgiving