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Spring & Summer Newsletter

WELCOME SPRING

Winter officially ended on February 29, and it looks like we may enjoy a little bit of "Spring" before settling in to our regular summer temps. Palm Beach County and all south Florida have had the coolest winter in more than a decade. The clouds and rainfall that kept us cool are not a good mix, as they contribute to the fungus that we battle all winter. However, we will see improvement as the temperatures increase in the coming months.

WATER WATER WATER

Due to the unpredictable rainfall, we are monitoring time clocks and adjusting, as needed, the times and frequency on many properties. Adding additional time and duration of water will assist in keeping your property green and healthy until mother nature helps out. We are closely monitoring all irrigation systems and will adjust as the conditions dictate over the coming months.

LET'S TAKE A WALK

Prior to your departure for the summer months, if you desire and at your convenience, we can schedule a time to discuss or walk your property to isolate the current needs, as well as upcoming needs, for the summer and beyond. We are available in person, by phone or email, whatever is most convenient for you and your schedule. Please contact us to schedule an appointment. Land Designs' desire is to provide the most comprehensive, quality services possible; understanding your personal needs and preferences will enable us to do that.

ANNUAL FLOWERS

There are several summer options available for annual flowers. Please note the following: The annual flower longevity remains, as always, three – four months depending on the variety. We also continue to battle the ever present and growing iguana population. Iguanas can destroy a bed of flowers very quickly, and unfortunately, we cannot prevent or guarantee this will not happen. There are some varieties of flowers that are less desirable to iguanas. We can recommend, based on your location, which variety may be more successful. If you are interested in annual flowers, please visit www.bradsbedding.com to preview the selections. As

always, our goal is to fill your annual flower orders as quickly & efficiently as possible.

WHITEFLY

The Fig Whitefly, which attacks the Ficus hedge, continues to be a nuisance in our south Florida landscapes. We are having some success controlling this problem with regular proactive treatment. We continue to work with the pest control providers to adjust treatment schedules to protect your hedges and your privacy. If you are interested in replacing your Ficus hedge with a more disease resistant variety, please let us know and we can prepare a quote for replacement.

TREE TRIMMING

At this time of year, we are planning for our annual "summer" comprehensive tree trimming and "heavy cutbacks" of plant material. The tree trimming and cutbacks are <u>vital</u> for the health and overall appearance of the trees and plant material. Additionally, the tree trimming is essential as we prepare for hurricane season, which begins June 1, 2024.

VERTICUTTING – CORE AERIFICATIONS

The early summer season is the optimal time to perform the core aerifications and verticutting, as necessary on the specialty turfs [Empire Zoysia, Cashmere Zoysia, and Paspalum]. The heat, humidity, seasonal thunderstorms, and sunshine allow for rapid growth and optimal recovery of this annual maintenance item.

LANDSCAPE LIGHTING

Many of you have extensive beautiful outdoor lighting systems. Like any outdoor product, routine maintenance is required to ensure your lights continue to function beautifully for years.

Extreme weather, soil erosion, and other conditions can require that your fixtures be re-aimed, cleaned, and adjusted.

The lighting professionals offer a package as follows:

- * Full System Diagnostic
- * Clean and Re-Aim Light Fixtures
- * Test Line Voltage
- * Bury Exposed Cable
- * Reset Timer, if necessary

Protect your investment from unexpected issues; maintain the beauty of your outdoor space. If you are interested in this service, please let us know, so we may coordinate scheduling.

In closing, we would like to sincerely thank you for your continued loyal support. Customer satisfaction and superior service are always our goals. Land Designs' continued success is dependent on your satisfaction. If there is anything we can do to improve your service, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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