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# **Fall & Winter Newsletter**

# **WELCOME FALL**

Although the temperatures don't reflect it, summer has officially come to an end. It has once again been a hot, humid, rainy summer. Thankfully, with more than half of the hurricane season behind us, we have had no storms. However, our west coast and northern neighbors have taken the brunt of Helene and now it appears they will take a severe hit from Milton. Hopefully, the impact in South Florida will be only winds and rain. We will continue to keep our vendors, neighbors, and friends in the affected areas in our thoughts as they begin their recovery from these devastating storms. We know we are all looking forward to cooler temperatures and preparing for the winter months ahead.

# **LET'S TAKE A WALK**

As we approach the Fall, Winter, and holiday seasons we would like to, at your convenience, schedule a time to discuss or walk your property to isolate the current needs as well as upcoming needs for the season and beyond. Your assigned manager is 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**

At this time of year, there are many options available for annual flowers. There are a few things to note as we prepare to install annuals. The longevity remains, as always, three to 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 it or guarantee flowers if this happens. There are some varieties of flowers that are less desirable to the Iguanas. We can recommend, based on your location, which variety may be more successful. If you are interested in annual flowers, please visit <a href="www.bradsbedding.com">www.bradsbedding.com</a> 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. Your assigned field manager, as well as your weekly service crew chief, continue to inspect and report any infestations. If you see any signs that your hedge(s) may be suffering, please contact us.

# **BROWN PATCH**

The winter can also bring the problematic brown patch to Zoysia and St. Augustine grasses. Brown Patch presents itself during the cooler months of the season. Click here for a brief overview of the "brown patch fungus". Irrigation control is critical in combatting this issue. We will be adjusting times, days, etc. to hopefully avoid some of the brown patch issues. Brown Patch often looks like "dry grass". Please bring this to our attention before doing additional watering, as additional water will exacerbate the brown patch issue. Please note the weekly service crews do check the water routinely to adjust for the current conditions.

# **HOLIDAY LIGHTS**

At your earliest convenience, <u>please notify your assigned field manager</u> of any scheduled Christmas light installation so we may schedule and complete any necessary trimming prior to the installation date.

# **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 your fixtures to 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
- \* Fixture Replacement

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

# **DATES TO NOTE**

- Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Holiday RPYCC closed to all vendors.
- Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving
  Holiday Land Designs CLOSED.
- Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup> –
  Christmas Holiday Land Designs CLOSED.

In closing, we would like to sincerely thank you for your continued loyal support. Customer satisfaction and superior service are always our goal. 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.

We look forward to continuing to serve your landscaping needs.

Sincerely,

The Land Designs of Southern Florida team.

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