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HAPPY 4TH OF JULY! to all our friends, clients, and suppliers.

It's that time of year when temperatures are hot and days are long. Lawns can develop brown spots in just a few days if a head gets clogged, turned or broken. So we have to be especially vigilant in our duties as irrigation technicians. When we see a spot starting to develop by turning a hazy, blue-green we have to take immediate action. It's a high pressure time of year. We have your irrigation timers adjusted accordingly.

We are also starting our tree trimming season. We start first with palm trees because they are fruiting and because they don't mind being trimmed this time of year. Trimming them now allows us to stop seeds

from dropping and creating hundreds of new palm tree plants. It also stops the mess they create.

Squirrels, gophers, and insects are all hitting their peak in activity. An unusually wet winter has resulted in great breeding grounds for many insects.

On a personal note, our family went to Lake Shasta on a four day weekend trip. It is absolutely amazing. The



water level there is up 165 feet from last year's levels. The fishing was good. My two boys and I caught 9 good size trout in just 3 hours, then we

had a big steak dinner – just kidding. Lake Shasta is at an elevation of about 1200 feet so it's not too hard on us older, heavy breathers. The landscape is mostly forested with pine trees, with oak trees mixed in here and there. You can see a snow-capped Mt. Shasta from the lake. Lake Shasta has 365 miles of shoreline and it is very oddly shaped, with many fingers which just add to the beauty.

But it is very easy to get turned around on a boat, so it's a good idea to take a map. Needless to say, with my extreme boating skills, I did not take a map, which was an extremely bad decision. However, working as a team, we navigated to safety.