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Introduction

I believe spring has sprung, and we are springing into action regarding your landscape maintenance. Spring now falls on march 20th not march 21st, for astronomical reasons that really don't concern us much. We however feel that the time is right for us to clean up ravages winter has left us. For instance, frozen shrubs, groundcover, and trees may have leaves to remove, be cut back, or in some cases be completely removed and replaced. Some of the shrubs we do not want to replant because of susceptibility to frost. These would be: lantana, natal plum, gazania, citrus, avocados, bougainvillea, hibiscus, plumeria, tristania, and cuphea. However most of these plants will come back if given enough time. My bougainvillea and natal plum are already seeing signs of come back. Native plants are less susceptible to frost damage and are commonly used in landscapes such as: ceanothus, junipers, raphiolepis, mazanita, agave, euryopsis, (looks like daisies), coyote bush, salvia, willow, maple, sycamore, oak, pottentia, honeysuckle, iris. Just take a look around and you can see for yourself what plants did ok. Remember plants around buildings have more protection and may not do as well when they are placed out in the open. I did cover this subject somewhat in the

Problem of the Month

I should probable let you all know that I will be having back surgery in the next 45 days. The last two years have given me a lot of difficulty in walking jobs with all of our valued customers. I have a compression fracture, stenosis, and nerve damage, and it has been extremely painful. I hope to see you all more often out on the jobs within 30 days after the operation. I appreciate your patience. Greg has done a great job handling your special projects and he will continue to do so. He will have a little extra help from me however. I apologize for not being more available on job walks. I would like to get to know you all better.

Employee of the Month

The employee of the month is Chris Profeta. He is a qualified licensed pesticide applicator. He has been working diligently killing gophers, squirrels, spraying for existing broad-leaved weeds in lawns, and applying a granular form of seed killer for spring and summer weeds. He is also closely watching your lawns for fertilizer needs, rust and application of turf, over watering, dry spots, dead bushes, tree trimming needs, etc. He has a degree in horticulture, B.S. from Cal Poly Pomona. He reports directly to me and to you when and where he is making applications. Please feel free to call him or me if you have any concerns. Chris 909-851-2505 John 909-851-2500.



TREE OF THE MONTH

The tree of the month is not something you can just go out and buy. It is the Great Basin Bristlecone Pine. Verified oldest ages are 4844 years old, and you can see them right here in southern California in the Inyo mountains. It is a medium sized tree growing from 5-15 meters, in ht, trunk size can be 2.5 meters to 3.6 meters. It is a beautiful narly trunked tree. It is

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grows a long time considering terrain, and altitudes it lives in. It endures extreme temperatures, drought and rocky soil conditions. Its botanical name is: Pinus longaeva

We have a second tree of the month that is used here in southern california. It is blooming right now. The name Bahaunia. This tree typically reaches 6 to 12 meters in hieght and spreads 3-6 meters across. The lobed leaves are usually 10 to 15 centimeters across. The five petaled flowers, are generally in shades of red, pink, and purple. The tree is fragrant and the flowers are 7 to 12 centimeters apart. The tree flowers in late Winter, and often conrinues into early summer. The only thing I don't like about this tree is that it doesn't like a lot of water. So don't plant it in a lawn.



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