

*"Irrigation Maintenance and
Lawn Care in the Winter"*

LAWN MAINTENANCE

- MOST PLANTS AND TURF GO DORMANT AS THE TEMPERATURES DROP.
- WE WILL HAVE REDUCED MAINTENANCE SERVICES DUE TO THE LACK OF GROWTH.
- TRIMMING IS REDUCED AS WELL FOR THE SAME REASON.
- SHOULD THERE BE SIGNIFICANT TEMPERATURE DROP OR FROST DURING THE SEASON THERE COULD BE SOME DAMAGE.
 - DON'T FRET, MOST OF THE DAMAGE IS ONLY TO THE LEAVES AND THE GRASS BLADES. AS THE TEMPERATURES RISE THE NEW GROWTH WILL PUSH OUT.
 - WE WILL REFRAIN FROM TRIMMING THE DEAD BRANCHES UNTIL AFTER LAST FREEZE OR LOWER TEMPERATURES ARE GONE.

PALM TREE DAMAGE



PLANT AND TURF DAMAGE



TURF AND PLANT DAMAGE



DAMAGED BUT NOT DEAD



FROST ON TURF



ADDING WINTER RYE



PLANT COVERINGS



PROPER PLANT COVERINGS



WATERING

- HOW MUCH IS TOO MUCH
 - MOST PEOPLE WATER THE SAME ALL YEAR LONG
 - REDUCE WATER TO JUST 1 DAY PER WEEK
 - AS TEMPERATURES START TO RISE IN EARLY SPRING WE CAN INCREASE.
 - FREEZING TEMPERATURES ARE NOT A GREAT CONCERN FOR UNDERGROUND PIPES. ANY ABOVE GROUND PIPING THE TEMPERATURE HAS TO BE BELOW 32 DEGREES FOR A FEW HOURS BEFORE THERE IS A PROBLEM.
 - NOW IS A GREAT TIME TO MAKE ANY IMPROVEMENTS OR ADJUSTMENTS TO YOUR IRRIGATION SYSTEM
 - SCHEDULING IS USUALLY EASIER AND IF IT ISN'T IT IS NOT AS URGENT.

FERTILIZER AND PEST CONTROL

- IN PREPERATION OF THE DORMANT SEASON.
- POTASH – STIMULATES ROOT GROWTH – USUALLY APPLIED IN NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER
- MARCH AND APRIL WILL APPLY NITROGEN, PEST CONTROL AND PRE-EMERGENT.