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Fall is the Time to Plan for Future Landscape Maintenance

Planning Improves the Value of a Landscape Maintenance Program

Do you give enough time and energy to planning grounds and landscape care for your property? Planning grounds and landscape care is too often left until the last possible date before services actually need to begin and end up causing issues to arise throughout the year. There are many good reasons to take the time to think through your needs for next season well in advance and arrange for getting the work done. The most important reason for planning is to save money on your Landscape Maintenance Program. The further in advance these types of decisions are made, the smoother and more cost-effective your overall program can be. Take a close look at what services you received during the last several seasons, at their effectiveness and their cost in evaluating future needs. Bear in mind that your landscape will be another year older too.

Properties of the Month: October

Oak Grove Island *Golden Isles*



Coastal Pines *South*



The Links *Savannah*



Each property is selected
by the Branch Manager
according to
the crew's monthly Quality
Control report.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Determine Changes Needed for Ideal Property Maintenance

Sit down and take a look at ways in which the needs of your property are likely to change during the coming year. Here are several questions you may want to answer before making final decisions:

- 1. Is there any new construction, additions or remodeling anticipated or scheduled for the coming year?** Does the construction project have a landscaping budget for new landscape or repairing of existing landscape?
- 2. Has the purpose or use of your property changed in ways that will affect your grounds care needs?** Are there any unusual events scheduled (grand opening, open house, special meetings, etc.) that may call for additional attention to your landscape.
- 3. Do you have a systematic plan for rejuvenating an area of the property each year?** This is an effective way of spreading landscape enhancement expenses over several years while "keeping up" with the aging of your plants.
- 4. Were there particular problems which developed during this season which should be corrected during the year ahead?** Areas to note here might include: irrigation systems; drainage problems; unusual turf; or a significant change in the use of a neighboring property which necessitates the installation of a landscape screen to block visibility.
5. If you've experienced recurring plant loss in recent years due to weather, plant age or other reasons, then **an allowance for plant replacement** should be included in the budget.
- 6. Finally, if there are items that come up nearly every season but are not included in your basic proposal or contract, consider including them up front.** This will optimize your scheduling and avoid delays in completing needed work so often caused while seeking mid-season decisions and approval.



Miscanthus Grass

Determine What is Needed, and When

Proper care of your property involves many decisions about materials, labor, equipment and timing. It is in everyone's best interest to settle these issues as far in advance as possible. The following are items that need to be discussed with your landscape maintenance provider and settled before your program begins:

Team Members of the Month: October

Robert Ryals
Golden Isles



Randy Harris
South



Erwin Cruz
Savannah

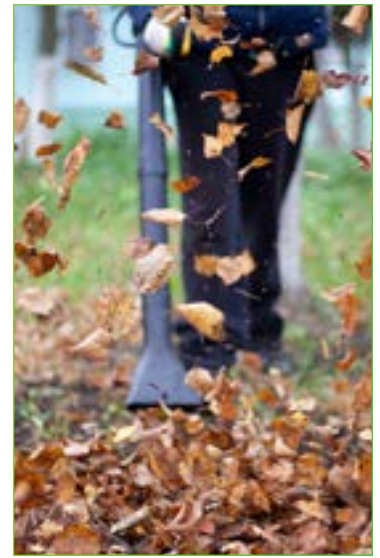


Jaime Solis
Service Support



These team members display the company core values (Safety, Quality, Leadership, Relationships) in all that they do while working, have excellent attendance, and are constantly trying to improve themselves.

- turf maintenance
- bed & ornamental maintenance
- chemical care
- work needed on an irrigation system
- tree trimming
- new landscape installations/replacements
- seasonal color
- pressure washing walls, sidewalks, etc.
- turf renovations
- aquatic weed and algae control
- growth retardants for hard-to-maintain areas
- bush hogging
- hardscape installations



Maintaining your property in top form, while delivering the best possible value is a complex process requiring careful planning and ongoing cooperation with your Landscape Maintenance Provider. Working together to prepare a comprehensive plan of care well in advance will improve the quality of your program and minimize unforeseen and unwelcome surprises throughout the season. Give us a call and we can start your planning process and work with you to develop the best program for your property.

Ornamental Grasses

Ornamental grasses look good almost any time of year, but during the fall season grasses seem to flush out their best color. Many grasses bloom in August, but seed heads stay and their changing colors of reds, golds, oranges, purples and blues can be more striking than the flowers.

Ornamental grasses have become more popular as landscaping returns to a more natural look. It's no wonder. They're beautiful and easy, too. Grasses are great in planting beds as a background for fall perennials like asters, mums, coneflower, and sedums. Grasses are superb for hiding fading foliage and for protecting bulbs from colder weather. Grasses also work well in those "trouble" areas of your property:

- In wet areas, try Sweet Flag grass, Canada Bluejoint, Sedge grasses, Blue Arrow Rush, Ribbon grass, Sugarcane, Plumegrass, or Cord grasses.
- For your very dry areas, try Mexican Feather grass, Red Rooster Grass, Gold Fountains, Blue Zingers, Weeping Brown Sedge, Prairie Dropseed, or Savannah.

Here are a few of the best looking grasses in fall for zones 8-9:

Miscanthus grass | Feather reed grass | Fountain grass
Feather Reed grass | Lemon grass | Northern Sea Oats

Many ornamental grasses carry their beauty into winter as they turn beige, tan or brown with shapes that continue to give interest. Try a few in your planting beds and see for yourself how attractive they are as well as what little time you will spend caring for them.



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Why is Fall the Best Time for Planting?

1. **Soil Temperatures** – Roots grow best in warm soil. Spring planting is successful for planting, but root growth is limited by colder soil temperatures from the previous winter.
2. **Air temperatures** cool off in the fall months and plants experience minimal heat stress.
3. **Water requirements during the fall are less** for plant material and cooler weather helps to eliminate evaporation.
4. **Planting in the fall gives plants several months to become established** prior to entering the upcoming warmer spring and summer months.
5. **Insect damage is less** in the fall because insect populations are smaller.
6. Planting in the fall will **help the pollinators** with food and habitat.



Have a question or concern? We're here to help.

Contact the **COASTAL GREENERY** Team

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