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Landscape-Related Safety Issues

Safety is essential for all commercial properties. The liability that safety issues bring often takes precedence over aesthetics. A Landscape Professional can help property owners address and prioritize landscape safety concerns, ensuring prompt repairs when needed. Safety problems vary by property type, but being proactive is crucial. Our team often faces the following issues.

Plant Material Blocking Windows

When vegetation in planting beds obstructs windows, it creates hiding spots for intruders and reduces visibility. This problem often arises from plant material that is overgrown or unsuitable for the space. To address this safety issue, maintain plant material and understand the vegetation growth patterns.

Property Lighting

Commercial properties should have adequate lighting, including landscape lighting. Large landscape spaces can be very dark at night and may pose safety risks or attract unwanted activities. Light up sidewalks, trees, and plant beds to provide light to dark areas. Landscape lighting helps to address this issue and maintains the appearance of the landscape throughout the day and night.

Properties of the Month: MAY

The Westin
Golden Isles



Savannah Yacht Club
Savannah



Marshland Credit Union
Support Services



Sea Watch
South



*Each Property of the Month
is selected by the Branch
Manager according to
the crew's monthly
Quality Control report.*

Landscape Trip Hazards

Commercial properties often have trip hazards such as potholes, exposed tree roots, broken hardscapes, debris, tree stumps, fallen limbs, and damaged irrigation heads. To address these issues, fill potholes, cover roots with mulch or create planting beds, grind stumps, clear debris, and fix hardscapes and irrigation heads promptly. For all landscape-related safety issues, reroute foot traffic and mark off the area until the repair is completed.

Soil Erosion

Soil erosion can pose safety risks and lead to costly repairs if not addressed. Erosion can result from factors such as heavy foot or vehicle traffic, heavy rain, running water, wind, and gravity. Concerns related to erosion include the property's slope, direction of water runoff, bare soil, and uneven elevation. Engaging a landscape professional with a license in soil erosion control is important for preserving the landscape and surrounding structures. Understanding the causes of erosion and methods for controlling it can provide both immediate and long-term benefits. Signs of soil erosion include bare soil, exposed roots, gullies, altered drainage, plant growth changes, and soil cracks. Repairing erosion can involve planting plants, mulching, laying sod, leveling the landscape, and installing retaining walls.



Drainage

Water accumulation on commercial properties is a safety concern that needs immediate attention. Recognize drainage issues by looking for standing water, stains, musty odors, dead plants, sinkholes, fungal growth, and insect infestations. These issues can lead to structural damage, tripping hazards, mosquito breeding, airborne diseases, and vermin attraction. Address drainage problems promptly to prevent long-term effects.

Maintain safety on your commercial property by regularly addressing landscape hazards with your Landscape Professional and with consistent landscape maintenance. Expert Landscape Professionals offer education on safety concerns and will ensure hazards are repaired efficiently with minimal disruption to tenants and guests.



Team Members of the Month: MAY

Gregorio Crisanto
Golden Isles



Joseph Solt
Savannah



Gerardo Bazan
Support Services



Ryan Laycoax
South



*These team members display our core values (**Responsive, Ownership, Observant, Trusted, Skillful**) in all that they do while working, have excellent attendance, and are constantly trying to improve themselves.*



Benefits of Commercial Landscapes

Businesses are more successful when they provide clients and employees with landscaped areas around buildings as well as plants inside buildings.

Here are some of the economic benefits of commercial landscapes:

1. A study found **7% higher rental rates** for commercial offices having high-quality landscapes.
2. Shoppers claim they will **spend 9% to 12% more** for goods and services in central business districts that have high quality tree canopies.
3. Shoppers indicate they will travel a greater distance and a longer time to visit a district with a high-quality tree canopy, and **spend more time there** once they arrive.
3. Companies that **provide their employees with interactions with nature** also benefit. Research conducted showed that workers who could view nature from their desks had **much better job and life satisfaction, and better health.**

SOURCES: The University of Washington's Urban Forestry/Urban Greening Research website, Rachael Kaplan, Ph.D & Loveyourlandscape.com

GNATS!

- Female gnats may lay up to 300 eggs
- Gnats are attracted to light
- Some gnats fly around your head because they're attracted to carbon dioxide. They read the CO2 as a possible snack.
- Summer is the worst – gnats multiply by the thousands
- Like any gang, gnats swarm together and might be using your head as a landmark. Stand near the tallest person possible and you might be left alone.



Get More Expert Attention: Work Ahead

The careful analysis of your property required to prepare a proposal covering both your basic and conditional requirements is not accomplished quickly. Even if you employ an ongoing system of evaluation throughout the season, a thorough review of your program should be done annually to assure the most on-target adjustments to your planned schedule of services. There is a wealth of expert knowledge available for this process. However, waiting until the last few weeks before your old contract or budget expires can deprive you of the chance to tap into this assistance. With the right guidance, you can have a more effective program. Having to make decisions in a hurry means everyone is formulating bids and proposals under pressure, and there's a good chance that important factors may be overlooked.

A generalization often made in specifying maintenance programs is that next year will be the same as last. Although this is sometimes a valid assumption, more often than not, it fails to account for seasonal and organizational changes that have an impact on property maintenance needs.

Working ahead gives both you and your landscape professional time to do the job right. Accounting for probable changes or additions to your program in advance will result in **better scheduling, fewer mid-season surprises, and more efficient use of funds.**



Your Licensed Professionals Deliver Value.

As in any profession, it's important that we know our job. With hundreds of plant varieties, insects and diseases, professional knowledge means more professional results. You may not realize that most professional lawn technicians and applicators must meet special training and testing requirements from the EPA and state in order to be licensed or certified to work with your lawn or landscape. Then, for certification to be maintained, on-going education and training must continue every year.

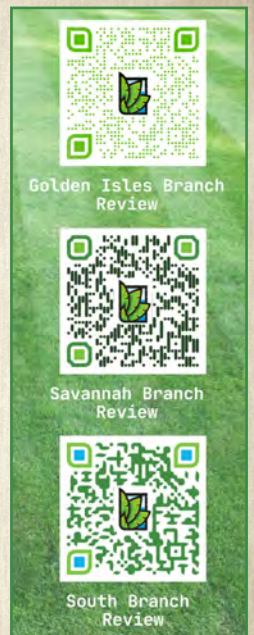
Before we work on your lawn, you can be sure we not only know what we're doing, but how to do it best.

This means better results and fewer problems for you when you employ only carefully trained and certified professionals to work on your lawn and landscape.

Count on us for care that's our professional best... for you and for the earth we all share!

*Our team
appreciates
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