



February 2018 Reporting

What's Happening this Month on your Property?

- **Continued Winter Pruning of: Ornamental Grasses, Roses, and Perennials-** all of these plants are cut back in the winter once growth goes dormant. This encourages fresh, healthy growth for the coming spring and summer seasons. All debris is collected and removed from the property and taken to our recycling facility.
- **Ornamental Trees/Shrubs/Groundcover Fertilizations:** This is the optimum time for us to begin to apply a slow-release, organic based, granular fertilizer (8-10-10) to all landscape plants. Doing this now enables the plant to absorb the nutrients and take advantage of full benefit during spring growth and flowering.
- **Turfgrass Weed Pre-Emergent Applications:** Beginning February 1st, all managed turfgrass receives this chemical application (0-0-7 or 25-0-7 with Barricade). The pre-emergent chemical will limit or prevent the germination of most weed seeds that usually come up in the spring. A proper application now will create a barrier of protection that will last until the next pre-emergent is done in April. Fescue lawns also receive a fertilization now to feed promote spring green-up.
- **Continued Weed Treatments:** Round-up product is used for liquid treatment of those pesky weeds that show up in the landscape beds as well as cracks of concrete surfaces.
- **Landscape Debris:** With all the rains and icy weather, limbs and other landscape debris have been falling and are picked up weekly.
- **Continued Trimming of Liriope ("monkey grass") and other Groundcover:** this trimming is done to remove old, discolored, or dead growth and prepare for the new sprouts coming in early spring. It also allows more air flow and direct sunlight to reach normally covered areas of the plants. Also, browned limbs of Junipers and other evergreens are trimmed out to prevent any risk of associated disease or insect damages.
- **Continued Crape Myrtle and Ornamental Tree Pruning:** As with the other ornamental winter trimming, this is done to encourage fresh new growth as well as provide improved clearance from buildings, overheads, etc.
- **Other Maintenance Items:** mowing where needed, edging of borders and beds, etc.

March Preview: Rejuvenation/Corrective Pruning, Irrigation Start-Ups and Inspections, Turfgrass Weed Control Applications, Mulching of Beds, etc.