



Please join us at Shadow Creek's Fall Landscape Seminar

Wednesday, September 11th @ 7 PM

End of Summer Do's & Don'ts for your Landscape

- **DO** follow all watering restrictions for your city. Drip irrigation, tree bubblers, and hand watering are typically not restricted, but city restrictions must be checked to verify.
- **DO** set the irrigation controller to run twice weekly in the early morning hours. Become familiar with the days and times you can water if there are restrictions.
- **DO** remove all dead wood from trees, shrubs, and other plant materials, and trim back your shrubs and perennials.
- **DO** be proactive and monitor for insects and diseases. Most can be effectively treated with Neem Oil, ensuring your landscape stays healthy.

- **DON'T** run the irrigation if it is raining.
- **DON'T** neglect newly planted landscape materials. Dry conditions can be deadly to poorly developed root systems. If needed, supply extra water by hand. Most cities will allow you to water for survival, but check your city guidelines.
- **DON'T** fertilize dry or dormant turf, as fertilizing may cause more stress than benefit. The good news is that turf can tolerate and recover from drought more quickly than your foundation, trees, shrubs, and perennials.
- **DON'T** allow weed competition. Apply post-emergent weed control such as Weed Control for Southern Grasses. Treat with Halts pre-emerge for turf and Preen for beds to control germinating weeds.

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INSECT FOCUS– GRUBWORMS, ARMYWORMS, SCALE, & APHIDS

Check your yard for **grubworms**– these worms are the larvae of the June Beetle, and they spin down into the soil, depositing their root-feeding larva. If your turf pulls up easily in brown areas, check for this pest and treat it with a granular insecticide for grubworms to control.



Armyworms are active in turf and vigorous consumers. When infected, they can be easily seen on the turf. Control them with any granular or liquid turf insecticide. Your grass will be green one day and gone the next.



Insects like **scale** are various colors and primarily stationary on trunks and branches of any plant. Crape Myrtles are highly susceptible to scale. Neem Oil will provide temporary control. Also, apply BioAdvanced Tree and Shrub, a granular systemic material, around the base of the plant for 12 months of control. Water into the soil after application.



Watch for **aphids** on new plant growth. They cause a sticky residue on plants and the ground. Fungus will then grow on the residue, turning plants black. Crape Myrtles are highly susceptible. Control with repeated applications of Neem Oil as needed.



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TREE FOCUS

TEXAS WEATHER CAN BE ALL OVER THE PLACE. AFTER SEVERAL SIGNIFICANT WIND EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE, WE NOTICED THAT MANY TREES DID NOT SURVIVE. IT CAN BE DEVASTATING TO LOSE YOUR TREES TO A WIND EVENT. HERE ARE SOME TIPS THAT CAN INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF KEEPING YOUR TREES STRONG AND HEALTHY SO THAT THEY WILL HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF SURVIVING WHEN THE WEATHER COMES.

1. MAKE SURE YOUR TREES REMAIN WATERED, HAND WATER IF NECESSARY
2. FERTILIZE YOUR TREES REGULARLY
3. MAINTAIN PROPER PRUNING OF TREES— FOR LARGER, MORE ESTABLISHED TREES, IT WOULD BE WORTH HIRING A TREE PRUNING COMPANY, THOUGH IT COULD BE COSTLY UPFRONT, IT COULD SPARE YOUR TREES FROM PERMANENT WIND DAMAGE. THE MORE MATURE TREES NEED TO HAVE THEIR CANOPIES LIFTED AND MAINTAINED SO THEY CAN WEATHER WIND AND STORMS BETTER.
4. MONITOR FOR DISEASES LIKE CANKER AND BORERS AND CONTROL IMMEDIATELY
5. TREAT YOUR TREES IN FEBRUARY OR MARCH WITH THE GRANULAR BIO-ADVANCED TREE AND SHRUB. IF YOU FIND BORERS NOW, TREAT NOW WITH THE BIO-ADVANCED AND AGAIN IN EARLY SPRING FOR SYSTEMIC INSECT CONTROL
6. REPLACE DEAD TREES IN OCTOBER & NOVEMBER, PLANT & STAKE CORRECTLY (WE WILL COVER THIS MORE IN-DEPTH IN NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER)

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Happy Back 2 School!

Fall is coming!!

August Planting Tip: If you want to start color from seeds, seeding of pansies and violas for fall planting can begin at the end of this month so they will be ready for planting. They are great fall flowers to add color to your landscape. Of course, you can buy already established plants—plant in October.



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