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Did you know

that effective January 1, 2010 the State mandated that all municipalities adopt either the state Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (AB 1881) or they can adopt their own as long as it is as restrictive as the State's ordinance.



Water conservation measures and special review are required when commercial or residential developments have:

- ✓ 2500 square feet or more of new landscape area-for private or public projects
- ✓ 5000 square feet or more of landscape area-for homeowner project
- ✓ One-acre or more of change, upgrade or rehabilitation of an Existing landscape area




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Happy New Year!  We hope your Holiday was pleasant and the New Year brings opportunities for stability and prosperity! December and the start of January have been busy months! We've had some weather that has kept our crews busy with leaf and debris clean up and we've had a few winter projects too.

Highlights in the L&L's

- Folsom Boulevard-holiday and inclement weather has added some delay but looking at the median being replanted by end of January or early February
- Will kick-off work with SCI for Folsom Heights and Blue Ravine Oaks in early February
- All backflow covers ordered have been replaced
- Installed sub-meter on Scholar Way in Broadstone Unit 3 to isolate irrigation water for HOA from L&L area
- Working with Parks and Recreation on developing a plan to care for trees in open space areas
- Natoma Station Drive (bike and pedestrian project)-adding bike lanes, removing one travel lane from each direction, widening corners for safe crossing
- Awaiting funds from two awarded State grants to inventory all City street trees and plant new trees along E. Bidwell and adjacent streets
- Implementing AB1881-state Water Conservation ordinance (Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance)-impacts most new development
- Locating and mapping all battery operated controllers
- Evaluating and charting all Evolution Dx controllers
- Creating irrigation maps for all controllers



***Tree failure in
Hannaford Cross***

Budgets and Engineers Report

In January the City began preparing the fiscal year budget for 2010-2011. The L&L District revenue and expenses are anticipated to be the same. The budget for our new Municipal Landscape Services Division (which began as a new division last April 2009) is being reviewed as well. It is too early to know what changes if any that the MLS division may have for the upcoming year. Because the MLS is partially funded by the general fund many factors go into the funding and services that are assigned to this division. Since inception of the MLS division we recognized the need for additional funds and resources to manage the open space areas, the tree resources in city parks and along city corridors, and plant replacement in many city owned areas. The State's new mandate for water conservation measures in most residential and commercial developments is adding a new submittal and thus review requirements to landscape plans. This may impact staffing and may require additional funding. More will be known in February about the upcoming fiscal year budgets.

2010 Gardening Resolutions - The start of the new year is the perfect time to imagine the garden of your dreams. This is when the dormant garden is like a sleeping baby – ready to grow, full of expectation but at this moment – no work. Here are 12 resolutions for 2010.

JANUARY Start reading seed catalogs, garden books and garden magazines. This is the month of dreaming, scheming and planning. This is also the month to write the rest of these garden goals on your calendar.

FEBRUARY Buy and plant bare root fruit trees, berries and roses. Prune branches of forsythia, quince and cherry to force indoors. Find out how nice it is to fool Mother Nature.

MARCH Get out there and weed! Yes, weeding in March is the number one way to get ahead of that pesky shot weed, "Stinky Bob" wild geranium, oxalis and dandelion. A quick trick is to smother these young weeds with a mulch before they can flower and spread their seeds. Weed in the rain: It's good for your complexion. Give peas a chance. Plant them in March.

APRIL - Add spring blooming trees and shrubs to the landscape. You can pick out just the right shade of rhododendron or azalea and enjoy decades of carefree color by planting the old-fashioned favorites like lilac, quince, forsythia, hydrangea and spiraea. Plant seeds of cool season crops like lettuce, kale, radishes, carrots, cabbage and brussels sprouts.

MAY - Buy annuals, hanging baskets, potting soil, fertilizer and dig in. Nurseries are well stocked this month, the weather is (usually) frost free and you'll find great deals on potting soil and plant foods. Fertilize the lawn if you haven't done so already and make sure your hungry roses, perennials and potted plants get food as well. This is the month of rapid growth.

JUNE - The soil is finally warm enough to plant heat-loving beans, basil, tomatoes, eggplant and peppers. For a tropical touch you can add tender summer blooming bulbs like cannas, papyrus, pineapple lilies and patio tropics like jasmine and tender hibiscus. Invest in more weeding.



JULY - This is your last chance to prune back chrysanthemums so they won't flop over in the fall and also a good month to add a second planting of beans, kale and onions. Keep up with weeding, watering and harvesting and you'll have a bountiful and beautiful autumn ahead of you.

AUGUST - One word: Water. Two words: Dead head. Three words: Enjoy your garden.

SEPTEMBER - Harvest beans, keep cutting dahlias as they open and don't prune or fertilize tender plants such as hebes or roses this month as you want them to start slipping into dormancy.

OCTOBER - Buy spring blooming bulbs – and resolve that is the year you will get them planted early. Prune raspberry canes, harvest the last of the vegetables.

NOVEMBER - Use a slow-release winter lawn food and don't forget to add lime to your lawn at least once a year. You'll have less moss and better draining soil.

DECEMBER - Move your pots, garden ornaments and tender plants to a protected spot out of the weather. Dig up carrots and turnips from the soil as needed. The cold weather will sweeten them up.

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YEAR-AT-A-GLANCE LAWN AND PLANT CARE

By Bob Ritzman, MLS Division

	TURF	FERTILIZE	PRUNE	IRRIGATE	AMMEND	CONTROL
JANUARY	mow as needed 3.5"+	None	last chance for trees	check system	None	late Jan. treat trees and shrubs for pest control
FEBRUARY	mow as needed 3.5"+	1 lb. Nitrogen/1000feet	damaged areas	check system	None	turf pre-emergent for weed/insects
MARCH	mow 1 time per week 3.5"	None	damaged areas	start system, 1 run time/week	None	clear weeds/brush if needed
APRIL	1/week 3.5"	flower/shrub beds	damaged areas	adjust if needed	top dress low areas as needed	weed control
MAY	1/week 3.5"	None	damaged areas	2-3 run times/week	mulch beds and tree wells, keep away from trunk	monitor/weed control
JUNE	1/week 3.5"	1 lb. Nitrogen/1000feet	damaged areas	3/4 times/week	None	monitor/weed control
JULY	1/week 3.5"+	None	None	3/4 times/week	None	monitor/weed control
AUGUST	1/week 3.5"+	None	None	3/4 times/week	None	monitor/weed control
SEPTEMBER	1/week 3.5"	1 lb. Nitrogen/1000feet	damaged areas	2/3 times/week	soil samples	weed control/monitor
OCTOBER	1/week 3"	None	as needed for plant/tree health	2/week, end of month 1/week	lawn or bed restoration, re-seed & repair as needed	winter pest control begins
NOVEMBER	2-3/month 3"+	beds & flowers - 1 lb. Nitrogen/1000 feet	as needed for plant/tree health	1/week depending on weather	finish repairs& top dress as needed	complete winter pest controls
DECEMBER	1-2/month 3.5"+	None	as needed for plant/tree health	1/week depending on weather	mulch beds/tree wells as needed	monitor