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Special Interest Articles:

- Landscape Watering Tips
- Top Ten Items Of Interest



This months Tip:

"Before going on vacation, make any last minute insecticide or fungicide treatments, weed garden beds, and arrange for someone to water".

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Project List Continues to Grow!

In an effort to keep and maintain good customer service, the City L&L staff and our Landscape contractor Sunworld is continuing to work together on our growing project list.

One of the largest areas of work is in the **American River Canyon North District**. Projects in this area will include a general clean up of trees and shrubs, new plant material, and bark. Also a new enclosure for the waterfall filtration system will be constructed, to replace the old one. Areas that will receive this attention will be around the main entries of the Waterfall, Bike Trails and Walking Paths. All this work will coincide with the normal maintenance and weeds abatement to start soon.

Other work is being completed in the **Broadstone L&L District** where crews are stump grinding the former root systems of many Italian Alders and some Oaks. Also dead and diseased trees are being removed to make way for new species that is more tolerant to the soils conditions in each area. Even more work is being done in the **Willow Creek South L&L District** where, two potential vehicle line of sight hazards have been removed and new low growing plant material will be planted. The mini-park

renovations are under way. All the turf has been sprayed 2-3 times to minimize the amount of weeds in the future and new sod will be laid within a month or so. In order to keep trees alive supplemental watering of the trees in the turf will start this week and continue until the new grass is in place. All the new ET based irrigation timers are here and will start to be installed within the next 2-3 weeks.

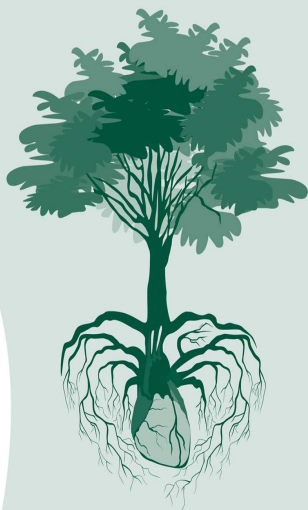
The work for the street light repair on Young Wo circle in the **Lake Natoma Shores L&L District** is going to commence on May 20th and 21st. M&M Electric will be intercepting the old conduit and power, trenching 350' of new conduit in the street and replacing the entire run of wire in order to get the street lights back in order. Other work happening:

Los Cerros L&L: Removing two large dead Oak Trees.

Folsom Heights: Open space Fire Hazard Reduction, Honeycook Cir.

Hannaford Cross: New plant material and bark on Inwood Dr. Entry.

The Residences ARC: Tree type for replacing Plums selected.





"Good Timer management is key to plant health and water conservation"

Landscape Watering: How much do I need?

Whether watering the grass, tree's, or the garden, the amount of water to apply is not always an easy one to answer. One person thinks that the roses need more water while the other thinks they are being over watered. This can be on going with no agreeable solution. The real question is and should be:

What does the plant, grass or tree actually need?

The need should be based a healthy root system and overall good appearance without applying water to the point of run off or soil saturation, and or the opposite of dryness to death.

After inspecting your system and making any needed repairs, scheduling the timer plays an important role in health and conservation of your plant material. Schedule multiple start times, with shorter run periods for better infiltration of the soil.

Another good tip is to have a couple days off in between watering cycles, constant watering can saturate soil and leave plants, trees, and turf susceptible to damage from pests and disease. A typical irrigation schedule can be adjusted weekly to monthly, and here are some scheduling tips for the up and coming hotter months.

Please be advised that these are only guidelines and there are variables to each system and or weather related conditions that will need to be factored in the scheduling. Here are some examples for the summer months:

May:

Spray Systems: 2-3 times a week, 3-5 min, 2 start times.

Drip System: 3 times a week soak the root zone.

June:

Spray Systems: 3-4 times a week, 3-5 minutes, 2-3 start times.

Drip Systems: 4 times a week soak the root zone.

July:

Spray Systems: 4-5 times a week, 3-5 minutes, 2-3 start times.

Drip Systems: 4 times a week soak the root zone.

August:

Spray Systems: 4-5 times a week, 3-5 minutes, 2-3 start times.

Drip Systems: 4 times a week soak the root zone.

This information can also be obtained by contacting the **Folsom Water Management Program. 351-7252**



"Watch for Aphids, distorted leaves or honey dew, control them with fish oil or insecticidal soap, or Merit Insecticide."

Top 10 Items of Interest:

1. ARC Planting Renovation in Progress.
2. Entry signs at ARC replaced with new letters.
3. Fertilization of Shrubs started with 16-6-8 all districts.
4. Young Wo Streetlight repair May 20-21, 2008
5. Line of sight hazards removed on Halidon and Halifax and Silberhorn.
6. Stump grinding tree replacement in Broadstone and Los Cerros.
7. Fire Hazard reduction to start this month.
8. Irrigation repairs and scheduling and maintenance, real busy.
9. Installation of new ET based clocks this month.
10. Hannaford Cross entry renovation almost complete.