

This Month:

- Exciting New Plants In The Garden This Spring
- Spring Time In Tulsa Town
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True Springtime In Tulsa This Year!

Enjoying The Cool Nights And Mornings In May.

As a young boy growing up in Northern Indiana, 40 degree morning temperatures in May were a common occurrence. It's been 28 years since temperatures have been this low this late in May in Tulsa.

What's happening to our weather? One day the high is 89 and a few days later we have record lows in the 40's. Oklahoma weather will surely keep you guessing. It's a real challenge for those of us as we work in the landscape too. Kind of keeps life interesting. I for one, love the spring time when it's cool just like it has been this year.

This years winter weather harmed many Azaleas and Crapemyrtles. You may have noticed Azaleas with brown leaves on them and some with dead branches. This dead tissue should be

cut off to help the plants put it's energy into new leaf production. Many Azaleas are already breaking new buds and there will be no long term effects to the plant as a whole. Most will recover even after this type of winter damage. Many of our Crapemyrtles have had significant damage on some canes. This also is not going to kill the plant in most cases. If the cane is viable, you should see new buds on them at this time.

This years weather has also delayed our installation of Summer Annual Color. Most summer annuals must wait until soil temperatures are warm enough on a consistent basis to allow roots to grow and not rot as they sit in the cold soil. Our plantings have been delayed as much as 3 weeks but we are

nearing completion as you receive this newsletter.

Other Benefits to Spring.

I know our weather has seemed erratic to our senses. One day we need shorts and the next we need jackets. But trees, shrubs and other perennials are quite adaptable to these temperature swings. In fact many plants enjoy a slower wake up call like the one they have had this year. Slower spring growth provides for stronger tissue production, and that's a good thing. Stronger plant tissues are more resistant to insects and diseases. In fact wide temperature swings in the weather will disrupt some insect life cycles and benefit plants as well.

So...enjoy the cool nights that are left because as sure as the sun will rise in the morning, it's bound to be much warmer soon.

Your Summer Azalea Care

ATTENTION AZALEA OWNERS!**Lacebugs have already been spotted in Tulsa.**

As most of you know, Lacebugs can devastate your Azaleas by sucking the chlorophyll out of the plants leaves. Over time, this will greatly hinder the plant from making food. If you have seen very small white spots on your

Azaleas leaves, please contact us right away for treatment.

Time To Trim

We have already begun our trimming process on certain types and will continue this through the month of June. Care is taken to shape your plants for the best possible show next year.

Fertilizing

Greenkeeper's uses only the most expensive fertilizers on all your plants. Your Azaleas are treated to a balanced food that includes those most important trace elements AND they will be able to feast on that food all season long. Call us if you have any questions about your landscape.

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Meeting the Weed Challenge in your turf.

This spring has challenged us in the area of weed control in your turf. The colder than normal weather has reduced the effectiveness of some applications to your lawn. These few problem spots are being addressed right now. Don't forget that all our work is guaranteed.

Exciting New Tropicals Invade Clients Outdoor Color Plantings This Spring!

Even though it's been a cool spring, I am conjuring up visions of tropical paradise in the sun this summer. In my vision I'm sitting by the pool with Spindle Palms rustling in the wind and enjoy the sweet scents of Honeysuckle and Roses close by. As I gaze further I see the reflection of a Bougainvillea as it trails down the side of a large planter next to the pool. **These are the sights and smells of paradise! Add your own sounds water rippling by or the kids splashing in the pool and you have the complete spot for summer relaxation in Oklahoma! "Oklahoma" you say? Yes Oklahoma!**

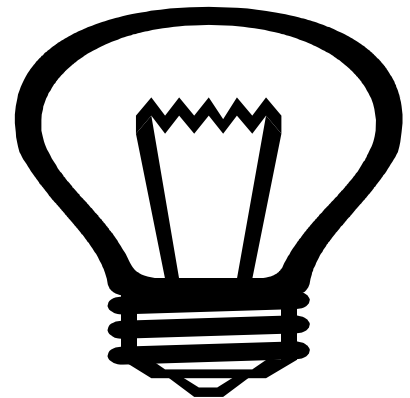
Creating a little slice of summer paradise is what we do this time of year by way of a few well placed Spindle Palms, Windmill Palms, Bougainvillea, Hibiscus or other magnificent tropical plants. **Everyone is raving about these great plants that remind them of sea breezes and walks on the beach. Why not enjoy your yard more with the addition of tropicals in your outdoor living space this spring?** You would be amazed at the change in atmosphere it will make!

Creating Cool Outdoor Living

Spring and Summer nights are some of the most relaxing times of the year! I thing of the cool breezes that often grace our back deck once the sun has set, and the frogs and toad sounds that we enjoy emanating from the pond. Our Mocking birds cackle back and forth to remind us that life goes on even for them in the evening.

Let me ask you a question. Do you enjoy your outdoor living spaces as much as you would like? If not, what keeps you from enjoying them more? Our clients make more use of their

outdoor living spaces in the evening **when the weather is cooler and when they are home from a hard days work and want to relax.**



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