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WHAT WE ARE DOING THIS MONTH AND WHY?

This month we continue applying our spring and summer fertilizer formula. This formula contains **nitrogen**. Nitrogen is the primary nutrient that encourages the lawn to produce top growth.

We are also continuing to apply **pre-emergent weed control** to suppress weeds. We apply **pre-emergent weed control** throughout the year to keep constant pressure on weed populations. We are also applying **post emergent weed control** to control actively growing weeds.

Mole crickets are the main turf damaging insect that is active at this time along with some chinch bug activity. We will monitor and treat these pests as needed. We are seeing some Disease activity due to the frequent rain we've been getting. Turning the the irrigation system off during periods of frequent rain will reduce the possibility of disease activity.



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**DID YOU KNOW THIS FRUIT IS
EDIBLE?**

Pindo palms are common in Florida landscapes. Once a year, they produce stalks of fruit with orange berries on the stalks that are about the size of a cherry. Many people don't realize this fruit is edible. It tastes rather sweet and has a pit in the middle of the fruit like a cherry. The fruit can be made into a jelly or even wine. The pit is 45% oil and some countries use the pits to make margarine. If the fruit is not trimmed off, it will fall on the ground, ferment and create an unpleasant odor as well as attract insects.



IF YOU WAKE UP ONE MORNING AND YOUR TREE TRUNK IS COVERED IN A WEB...

A relatively uncommon creature, bark lice will occasionally show up on tree trunks and create some concern from their extensive web that can cover most of a tree trunk! These tiny insects however are harmless to the tree and actually beneficial in some ways. Technically they are not "lice" at all

but are only named that because of their size. They are not parasites but feed on fungi, mold and dead plant tissue. At the end of the season, they will even devour their own web leaving no trace they were even there! Since these insects are not harmful and only feed on what the tree does not use, no treatment is recommended for them.

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WHY DOES THE GRASS NOT GROW ON A CERTAIN SIDE OF MY HOUSE?

Many people have at least one side of their home where the grass does not grow well or even at all. Most of the time, fences that run along property lines create a narrow corridor as they run beside the house. This limits the amount of direct sunlight that reaches grass growing between the fence and the house, causing the grass to decline. Even without a fence, the first few feet of the ground from

the foundation of the home on the north side is usually constantly shaded making the north side of a home a difficult area to grow grass. In these areas that are constantly shaded, it is better to install rock, shrubs or a shade tolerant ground cover rather than trying to grow grass.

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**Are you having problems
keeping your lawn healthy?
Contact me for a FREE LAWN
CONSULTATION! PM, call or text
me at 850-240-7935**

Watering Instructions

High temperatures are in the 90s with frequent rainfall right now. As long as we are getting rain showers 2-3 times a week, supplemental watering is not necessary. When the weather changes to a dryer pattern, we recommend watering 4-6 times per week while temperatures stay in the 90s. Applying 1/2 inch of water during each irrigation cycle is recommended and most irrigation systems will do this if set to run for 45 minutes per zone. The best time to water your lawn is early morning when the dew is on the ground. Watering this time of day doesn't increase the number of hours the grass is wet in a day, reducing the likelihood of disease. Also, there is less

evaporation of the irrigation water, so more water penetrates the soil and there is less wind which can blow the irrigation stream off course.