

THE GREENVINE

The Art of Landscaping

The first thing to remember with any landscape is that it's a living, breathing entity. Even the simplest, easy-to-care for yard will need watering, feeding, cleaning,

and disease prevention. If you aren't a big fan of yard maintenance, it might be wise to implement landscaping that's easy to maintain. Indeed, landscape maintenance is much more involved than the average person believes. Mowing, mulching, and weeding are frequently done but rarely done right. Often, the difference between solid and poor landscape maintenance is in the details. Taking those few extra minutes to do the job right will pay off with a more beautiful lawn and fewer maintenance problems in the future. So, how do you do the job right? Simple: you research,

create, and diligently follow a landscape maintenance checklist. We've conducted the research for you in this handy checklist:

Simple Landscape Maintenance Checklist

- Planting Areas
- Insect Control
- Weeding
- Weed Prevention
- Mowing
- Leaf Removal
- Fertilization



"Outgrowing Your Expectations!"

Plant of the Month:

Marigold

Ranging from shades of yellow to hues of crimson, Marigolds are long lasting and easy to grow.



Though sometimes unpleasant, their smell is a natural repellent for insects.

THE COOLER SIDE: IRRIGATION INFORMATION

Summer is almost here and that means our dry season is around the corner. With current restrictions allowing watering only two days a week, it is extremely important that your irrigation system run efficiently. Any deficiencies in the system could cause plant material to suffer in the heat. During this time spray zones should run approximately 20 to 30 minutes and rotor zones should run approximately 45 to 60 minutes. This will saturate your landscape properly promoting healthy turf and plant material.

News from Baker Fert & Pest on Winter Lawn Recovery

As spring arrives, landscapes of central Florida will strive to recover from the stress of a harsh winter. As evening temperatures begin to even out in the 60's recovery will speed up. Lawn and ornamentals should receive water only twice a week.

This will be enough for landscaping to survive and will ensure that it builds a healthy root system. Deep watering, or running irrigation twice a week for a longer period of time, will help turf and ornamentals establish an extensive root system and prepare them for those hot summer days.

Salutations!

Please help us to welcome our newest team members:

Marc Blum—President

Bob Jensen—Sales Manager

Chris Gutherie—Business Development

Jon Wynn—Account Manager

