

Maintenance

Spring is creeping up on us and we're finishing winter detailing on our properties while waiting for the warm season grasses to green up.

April - We have low cut (scalped) the warm season grasses and they are beginning to emerge from their dormancy. There will be weekly mowing of the Fescue, but the Bermuda may be cut every other week until peak growing season.

Our pruning schedules will begin on properties and some additional hard pruning will be done on selective shrubs after they have gone through their blooming sequence.

The following are other task items that are completed along with weekly maintenance.


- Applying round two of the pre-and post-emergent weed control on turf.
- Applying a round of fertilization on warm season and cool season grasses.
- Continued dormant oil spraying to target unwanted insects on shrubs. (An organic approach to insect problems)
- Applying fertilizer on targeted trees and shrubs with an organic or traditional blend fertilizer. This is for our A package clients. If you would like this additional service, please contact us.

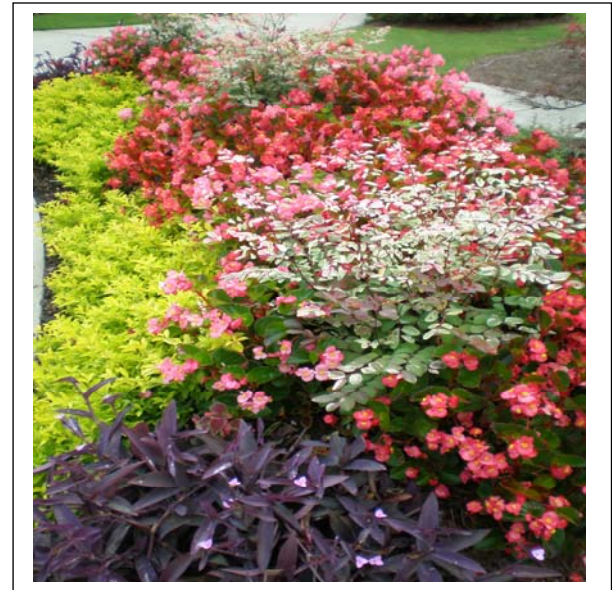
May – June

- Apply round three post-emergent weed control and fertilization.
- Targeted insect control on designated shrubs.
- Seasonal color flower maintenance, including fertilization and pruning.
- Aerating of warm season grasses. This is for package A clients. If you would like this service, please contact us for a quote.

If you have any further question about maintenance service please email us:

maintenance@unique-environmental.com

 **Water Wise Quick Tip:** University of Georgia research has shown that letting grass clippings fly back onto the grass areas will return as much as 30% of the nutrients back into the soil. It also allows the soil to retain more moisture in dry conditions.



Seasonal Color

Spring color installation will start after April 15.

The week of the 15th is typically the last possibility of a heavy frost that could damage some of the early spring plantings. We have sent out the seasonal color proposals. Your area manager can work with you if you have any questions on selection or timing of installation.

Once again, we have selected plant materials that are water wise, requiring less frequent watering.

New water restrictions for the Atlanta area allow watering the flowers for 10 weeks up to three times per week with standard head irrigation. Our area managers will monitor the flower installation and setting the clock to run for the appropriate time. Once flowers are established, the timer will be cut back or turned off to properly conserve water.

If you have any further questions regarding your seasonal color, please contact us:

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Irrigation

The new outdoor watering restrictions offer many options for watering with upgrades to make your system more effective. Let our certified technicians assist you on improving your irrigation system.

Just a few of the new watering guidelines:

- New landscapes installations can be watered up to 10 weeks.
- All chemical and fertilizer applications on the turf can be watered in. This represents one cycle of a turf area irrigation system.
- Drip irrigation systems can be run on a weekly basis following the restriction parameters.

How to make your system more efficient?

1. An irrigation audit of your system will allow Unique to make proper recommendations to improve water usage and keep the property compliant with the state regulations.
2. Turn some of your existing shrubs zones over to drips, which is a more effective way of delivering water to the planting areas.
3. Check to see if your rain sensor is working correctly. State mandates that all new irrigation systems have a rain sensor.

For more information on watering restrictions go to www.outdoorwateruse.com

Contact our irrigation department at irrigation@unique-environmental.com



Water Wise Quick Tip: Irrigation systems using low volume heads use 30 to 50% less water during operation.



Water Wise Quick Tip: 1 inch of rainfall on a 2,000 sq. ft. residential roof generates 1,200 gallons of water that can be utilized in your landscape.

Landscape Installation

It's a great time to take advantage of our new watering requirements and address some of the needed enhancements and issues on your property.

Let Unique make recommendations that are water wise and bring beauty to your landscape.

If you are considering landscape enhancements to your property, contact us at install@unique-environmental.com

2009 Southeastern Flower Show



Unique won Best in Show for the 3rd year in a row along with 5 other distinguished awards. This was accomplished by incorporating green ideas into the landscape.



GOING GREEN

Along with our involvement in green roof installations and rain harvest systems, Unique has partnered with Greenco Environmental to recycle 100% of the lawn and leaf clippings from our properties.

In February, Unique recycled 122 tons of lawn waste material that will be turned into organic soil compost. When the composted material is ready to be reincorporated back into the landscape, Unique will use this recycled product to further complete the cycle of being responsible to our environment.



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