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Irrigation System Start-Up

In order to protect your landscaping investment, it is important to properly prepare your irrigation system for use. Our start-up services will begin in April.

Please call us if you have not yet scheduled an appointment.

Mulching

After you have weeded your beds, apply 2 to 3 inches of mulch (we recommend SteerCo). The benefits of mulching include: erosion control, moisture conservation, prevention of weed growth, and consistent soil temperature. Please call if you would like a spring clean-up!

Your Guide to Spring Happenings

Farmer's Markets

This spring is a wonderful time to visit your local farmer's markets. These events allow you to enjoy the outdoors while also browsing the wide array of products. This is a fun way to find fresh produce, baked goods, flowers, and much more! There are several markets in Seattle and the two mentioned below are fantastic.

West Seattle Farmer's Market

44th and Alaska in West Seattle / Sundays 10am-2pm

This market features over 35 Washington farmers and food processors. It also hosts live music from local musicians, beautiful artwork, and gardening information booths.



Fremont Sunday Market

600 N 34th St in Fremont / 10am-5pm Sundays

This is a European-style market where one can find organic vegetables, hand made pottery, and vintage linens. Over 150 vendors who feature both local and world imports participate in this event. It is free to the public, bike accessible, and pet-friendly.



Lawn Calendar

April

- Begin winter clean-up of your lawn when the grass is no longer wet. Rake the lawn to rid it of leaves and winter debris.
- Re-seed bare and/or damaged areas of lawn.
- Check your lawn mower and ensure the blades are sharpened in order to keep your grass healthier after each cut.

May

- Mow your lawn often, but never cut the grass too short. Try not to remove more than 1/3 of the grass blade in one cutting.
- Give your lawn a light fertilization.
- Inspect your plants for insects and disease. It is important to keep an eye on these problems before they get out of hand.

June

- Prune woody plants such as broad-leaved evergreen plants and deciduous hedges.
- Mulch beneath your shrubs to retain their moisture and to decrease the number of weeds.
- Weed, weed, weed! Performing this task mid spring will prevent vigorous weeding in the later months.

Salmon and Asparagus Pasta



- 8 oz. Pasta (linguine works very well)**
- 2 Tbsp Butter**
- 1/2 Cup Heavy Cream**
- 2 Tbsp Parmesan Cheese (shredded)**
- 1/2 Tsp Lemon Pepper**
- 1 lb Freshly Cooked Salmon (cut into small pieces)**
- 1/2 lb Fresh Asparagus (cut into smaller pieces)**
- Black Pepper to taste**

Bring large pot of water to a boil. Add cut asparagus and cook until tender but firm, 1-3 minutes. Scoop out the asparagus and put in an ice bath to stop cooking. Add pasta to pot of boiling water and cook until desired firmness. Drain when done.

Meanwhile, melt butter in skillet. Add asparagus tossing just to coat. Add heavy cream and lemon pepper. Heat until cream begins to thicken. Add pasta, salmon, Parmesan cheese and freshly cracked black pepper. Toss and serve hot.

Look at what Lifestyle Landscapes has been up to!

This client had a few very specific requirements when we started their project. These being that the design must be "funky and creative," and also be a nice area to sit and read. It must be visible from the house, therefore aesthetically pleasing to the eye. They wanted something so beautiful that one would be enticed to walk the 66 stairs it took to get there.

This landscape design was comprised of bluestone and granite cobbles, as well as tumbled (recycled) glass, and edging to keep the materials in place. In the end, the client was rewarded with a beautiful, artistic design with stunning 180 degree views of the Puget Sound and the Olympic Mountains.



Welcome Paula! Administrative Assistant



Paula Lentz recently joined our team in March. She has a BA in Political Science and History from Washington State University. She has experience in Human Resources, Recruiting, and Administrative work. In her spare time she enjoys cooking, shopping, and spending time with her friends and family.

Welcome Louis! Landscape Architect



Louis Burwell, the newest member of our design team, also joined us in March. He received his degree in Landscape Architecture from Washington State University. He has over 25 years of experience in this field. He spent several years in Italy and the Middle East. He is a bicycle enthusiast who also enjoys gardening in his spare time.





Your Guide to Puget Sound Happenings

The 33rd Annual Seattle International Film Festival will be held May 22 though June 15 of this year. This 25 day experience promises to be very interesting and exciting. There will be intense film viewing and those who attend will indulge in cinema from not only the United States, but throughout the world. The festival will include over 550 different works and will represent directors and filmmakers who are both independant and widely known. The screenings, panels, and film shops will be held at several different venues including The Egyptian, Broadway Performance Hall, Paramount Theatre, and Harvard Exit.

The full schedule for the festival will be announced on May 8th. Ticket sales for members will be available on May 8th as well, but will not be open to the public until May 11. Visit www.siff.net/festival to purchase tickets and to view the schedule.

