

# Texas Rural Living—Landscape & Irrigation

## November Newsletter



### A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE...

Hello Friends,

Once again, we are going to try something new from the office in hopes that our customers will find it helpful. Starting this month, you will begin receiving the Texas Rural Living—Landscape & Irrigation newsletter. This new addition is meant to help keep you informed of what is going on with us and also will help provide helpful hints for a great landscape as well as what might be the latest and greatest irrigation technique. Who knows what you may find in this newsletter but I hope you find it enlightening and interesting. Feel free to make comments or even request a topic for discussion to be included in an upcoming newsletter. Thanks again for who you are and for making Texas Rural Living a success.

From my desk...

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#### Special points of interest:

- October 30th: Conclusion of seasonal maintenance services
- November 2nd: Chamber After Hours—Sunset Hospice 6:00 PM
- November 17th: Work night at armory for City Christmas decorations
- November 26th: Thanksgiving
- December 5th: Norwegian Home Tour

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### EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT...

#### Justin Owens—Production Manager

Justin Owens is a proud Texas Rural Living team member whose roots run deep in Bosque County. He is a graduate of Valley Mills High School and has been with TRL for 3.5 years. Justin oversees the day to day operations of each section

of the company. He is committed to seeing that the maintenance of our properties and the installation of our landscapes and irrigation systems are completed to the highest degree of excellence. He and his wife, Kirsten reside in Valley Mills.

## LAWN MAINTENANCE NEWS...

As summer turns to fall, please keep in mind that the last week of October concludes the 2009 seasonal lawn maintenance services.

We will again provide maintenance to your property the weeks prior to Thanksgiving and Christmas.

If you have any further maintenance requests, please feel free to contact the office.

We thank you for your patronage and business during this past lawn maintenance season. May your home be blessed with family and fellowship with friends throughout this Holiday Season.



## LANDSCAPE INFORMATION...

*In this section of the newsletter you will begin to learn about plants that we commonly use in our landscape projects. If you have a particular plant, please let us know and we will include it in an upcoming newsletter.*

### **GULF MUHLY GRASS**—(picture at right)

Gulf Muhly grass is a perennial, ornamental grass that has an awesome foliage and

bloom color. It often grows between 3' - 4' tall and has a dark green foliage with a beautiful red to crimson bloom beginning in August until frost. This grass will go dormant during the winter months and can be trimmed back to a height of about 12" in late February. It will then return to its fresh look through out the spring and summer.



## IRRIGATION CONVERSATION...

*In this section you will learn about the newest irrigation practices as well as ways to make your current irrigation system more water efficient.*

### **RAIN BIRD PRS TECHNOLOGY**—

Have you ever ran your irrigation system and noticed that it looked like a scene from a horror movie with all of the fog coming from your sprinkler heads. This is called atomizing and is known to an

irrigation contractor as wasted water. When water is atomized by high pressure, this reduces the water droplet size and in return more water is lost to drift and evaporation than may actually fall to the ground. The PRS (pressure reducing stem) feature on sprinkler heads stops water waste and ensures that necessary watering occurs in high pressure or wind conditions. New heads can be easily retrofitted to an existing system will little

digging in the yard.



**Rain Bird PRS feature saves water and more importantly...MONEY.**



## HELPFUL HINTS AROUND THE YARD...

*Who knows what you will find in this section...I will try to keep it informative and interesting.*

Even though temperatures might be cooler than in summer, your lawn still needs water as do all your landscape plants. Late summer and fall can be very dry, with exception of this year so far. Since lawn grasses continue to grow throughout the fall, watering is still important to sustain growth. Go ahead and water as needed until the ground is cold and beginning to freeze. Fall watering is best done in the morning. Evening water-

ing can work if that's what time you have to do it but you'll need to pay attention to what's going on in your yard. Fall nights tend to be cooler and longer than in the summer and that can cause fungus to grow on the soil if it doesn't get a chance to dry out once and a while.

This may be what is happening to your St. Augustine grass now. Brown patch and take all have been more noticeable this year due to the excessive rain and cooler night time temperatures. If you are noticing brown spots in your yard, please contact the office.



## SERVICES PROVIDED TO OUR CUSTOMERS...

*The following is a list of services provided by Texas Rural Living. If you have a project but do not see it on the list, please contact us.*

- Lawn Maintenance**
- Landscape Design**
- Landscape Installation**
- Landscape Maintenance**

- Irrigation Design**
- Irrigation Installation**
- Irrigation Repair and Maintenance**
- Ornamental & Turf Plant Pest Control**
- Winter Clean Up and Leaf Removal**
- Holiday Lighting**
- And Possibly More...**



## FEEL FREE TO MAKE COMMENTS...

*This is a work in progress. Our newsletter is intended to be an extension to the services we provide to you. As always, we love customer feedback. Please feel free to let us know what you like, dislike or would like to see in a upcoming newsletter. Contact us by phone, email or visit our website at [www.texasruralliving.com](http://www.texasruralliving.com).*





A *professional* lawn, landscape & irrigation company goes beyond taking over a chore that the property owner does not want to perform.

A *professional* company looks forward to a long-term working partnership - with the property owner - to create a property to be proud of and enjoyed, for years to come.

**LANDSCAPE & IRRIGATION**

***WE ARE A PROFESSIONAL COMPANY.***



## HOLIDAY LIGHTING...

As you know, the holiday season is just around the corner. With that comes the joy of sharing special moments and making memories with family and friends, but also the addition of the time consuming tasks of preparing your home and property for the holiday season.

Over the last couple of years there has been a small interest sparked about Texas Rural Living providing holiday lighting services. We all, whether admitting it or not, find a sense of nostalgia when pulling the holiday boxes down out of the attic and going through memories of holidays past and looking forward to the holidays in the future. There is something about flipping on the switch of holiday lights for the first time each season that can bring a grown person back to their childhood in seconds.

Give the office a call to discuss holiday lighting on your property and to develop a plan that can be enjoyed not only this year...but for years to come.

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