

# Texas Rural Living—Landscape & Irrigation

## September Newsletter

### A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE...

Hello Friends:

Its hard to believe that we are once again getting ready for fall. With temperatures well above average and well over the century mark, I don't think there is a one of us that is not ready for fall this year.

There will be several things for you to be aware of this fall and I will try to bring them to your attention throughout this newsletter.

With school back in secession and schedules getting even busier, be sure to check out your local school's calendar of events and support the youth of your area in whatever they may be doing.

While we are busy every day and you may not see me on your property as much, please don't forget that I am just a phone call or an email away if you need something.

I hope you all have had a great summer and all is going well. Its business as usual here at Texas Rural Living and we look forward to a busy fall and winter.

From my desk...

**Clint**

Clint D. Tunnell  
President/LI 15510

### FALL & WINTER PROJECTS...

Throughout the summer many of you have mentioned projects that you wanted us to do during the fall and winter. Whether it be a new landscape installation, additions to your irrigation system or just redoing a flowerbed, let us know so that we can get it on our fall and winter work schedule. This is a great time of the year for us to be able to get the 'extra' projects that you want done around your property completed.

We can complete a landscape or irriga-

tion design on computer and print it out for you to see and have a visual idea of what might be done on your property.

As always, we look forward to working with you on these projects around the house.



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#### Special points of interest:

Check out your local school's calendar of events and support your local youth in their events this fall.

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## LAWN MAINTENANCE NEWS...

### FALL TURF PLAN COMPLETE...

For those of you all that took advantage of our 2010 Turf Plan, the fall portion of that plan has been completed. This would include fertilizing, pre-emergent, crosscheck insecticide and t-storm fungicide, depending on what your individual plan was scheduled for. If you are not on the annual turf plan but have an interest, it is never too late in the year, or early, to begin a healthy lawn and landscape. Call or email the office to see what we can offer your property in turf and landscape management.



## LANDSCAPE INFORMATION...

### SOUTHERN WAX MYRTLE:

Southern wax myrtle has multiple, twisted trunks with smooth, light grey bark. Wax myrtle is aromatic with olive green leaves and clusters of grey-blue, waxy berries on female plants which attract wildlife. Wax myrtle is a popular landscape plant, ideal for use as a small tree if the lower

limbs are removed to display its form. Wax myrtle can stand impossible soil conditions, is rapid-growing and a striking evergreen. Without pruning, it will grow as wide as it is tall, usually 10 to 20'.



## IRRIGATION CONVERSATION...

### FALL WATERING SCHEDULES:

Over the course of the next several weeks we will be coming by adjusting your irrigation control clock for fall settings. This is an important step in the management of your lawn and landscape by helping conserve water and save you money.

simple repair. If any major repairs are needed, such as a valve not coming on or a major leak in the system, we will notify you of the problem and give you an estimate of the repairs before we complete them.

We will also run a diagnostics test on your system while we are there to check out the system and make sure that everything is working properly. A broken lateral pipe or busted head can be a costly problem when compared to the cost of a

If you are not sure if you are on our Property Irrigation Information sheet, give the office a call or email and we will let you know if you are already on the list or we will be happy to add you.



## HELPFUL HINTS AROUND THE YARD...

### BEWARE OF THE BROWN PATCH:

We are once again getting close to that time of year when we start having to deal with the threat of brown patch. Brown patch is most common in St. Augustine but can be found in other varieties as well.

Last year, with the excessive rainfall during September and October, brown patch ran very rampant. It took over most yards that it invaded, with the real damage visible earlier this spring.

Brown patch occurs during late summer and fall as night time temperatures begin to fall and the moisture content in the turf and soil in

crease. It is usually identified by a dying circle or patch in the turf.

While we can not guarantee the prevention of brown patch in your turf, we can offer a fungicide application before the cool season begins to help prevent the onset of brown patch. As with any fungicide application, it can get expensive so it is best that we measure the square footage of your yard and give you an estimate on the cost of the application.

The application can also be made after the fungus has set into the turf. If this occurs, contact the office immediately before severe damage

occurs to your turf.

(brown patch as seen in St. Augustine turf)



## 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**

- Landscape Renovations & Updates**
- Irrigation Design**
- Irrigation Installation**
- Irrigation Repair and Maintenance**
- Irrigation Retrofits for water conservation**
- Ornamental & Turf Plant Pest Control**
- Winter Clean Up and Leaf Removal**
- Holiday Lighting**



## HOLIDAY LIGHTING...what...already?

Well, believe it or not, I have already had 6 calls pertaining to holiday lighting for this year. While we are not ready for it again quite yet, this is an excellent time of year to get on the list and for us to give you an estimate on what you might want for the holiday season. Last year we assisted 20 property owners with their holiday lighting and we anticipate even more this year. If you're interested or even think you might be, go ahead and give the office a call or an email and lets sit down and discuss what we have to offer for your property. We had fun installing lights last holiday season and the property owners all enjoyed getting to look at them instead of having to put them up and take them down.





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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.

*WE ARE A PROFESSIONAL COMPANY.*

## QUALITY ASSURANCE REVIEW—SUMMER 2010

Business success is directly related to customer satisfaction. At Texas Rural Living, we strive to set ourselves apart by continually improving on the services we provide. As you have noticed this season, we have undergone several employee changes to our staff. With this comes the ‘training period’ of the new employees. While we have not deliberately left out anything on your property, it is possible that that has happened this season. We greatly appreciate your support and patronage this season and hope that you will continue to help us better serve you by giving us your thoughts. As we work to set our goals for the remainder of this season and for 2011, please help us by completing the Quality Assurance Review attached to this newsletter and send it in to the office. Please included any comments you wish to make, whether it is praise or constructive criticism. Making sure that your property is maintained the way in which you want it is our highest priority. This review is also intended to cover any project that we may have done for you during 2010; lawn maintenance, irrigation installation or repair, the turf plan or landscape installation or landscape renovation.

Is the quality of mowing, edging and weed eating to your satisfaction?

Is the crew professional and courteous?

If applicable, were you satisfied with the project(s) completed for you during 2010? Please make any comments you wish.

Are there any additional services you would like to see added or provided to you by Texas Rural Living, Inc.?

***YOU ARE APPRECIATED!***

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