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Citrus care

Since we have detailed in previous newsletter articles how to protect citrus trees from the cold weather that sometimes hits Wickenburg during our winter months we're now going to lay out the steps of encouraging our citrus trees to produce higher quality fruit. The first and primary mistake most people around Wickenburg make is that they use the same timetable as Phoenix for spring fertilization. While our highs are consistent with Phoenix our nighttime temperatures drop about 10° more than Phoenix. This difference in temperature is the reason that our citrus trees lag behind those in the valley by as much as 3 to 4 weeks. The second mistake people commonly make is that they fertilize based on a set day on the calendar rather than letting the weather or the citrus trees themselves tell them when they are ready for fertilizer. The easiest way to tell



according to the size of each tree. Measuring rule of thumb is three average sized handfuls of fertilizer equals 1 pound. As you spread this fertilizer around the base of the tree you

will need to slightly till the fertilizer into the top 1 to 2 inches of soil. The most important part of this process is to hand water the fertilizer in with a hose. Turning on the irrigation system and letting that water in the fertilizer does not work. If fertilizer is not watered in correctly it can burn exposed roots and cause more damage. In a typical year this first fertilizing happens between the end of January to the end of February. Once the first fertilization is complete we repeat the process with citrus food three more times with eight weeks in between each fertilization. Keeping this program up for several years will help develop more and healthier fruit that you will be able to enjoy or share with friends.

Whether you promote and try to get the best citrus possible or not please do not waste the fruit. If you are not able to eat your citrus or there is too much please contact Wickenburg Landscape and someone will come out at no charge and pick your fruit and then donate it to those who are less fortunate. Together we can enrich the lives of others to be able to enjoy the simple pleasure that homegrown fruit can bring.

Important!
*If buds are already opening
DO NOT FERTILIZE
at this time!*

when a citrus tree is ready for fertilizer is when the buds are the size of peas. At this time we want to fertilize with either citrus food or triple phosphate. If we fertilize at this time correctly we can help "harden" the bloom from possible future cold snaps that will tend to knock off buds. Remember no blooms no fruit.



By reading the fertilizer label we will be able to determine how much fertilizer to use

Expecting excellence in 2012

Everyone here at Wickenburg Landscape is excited about, and welcomes the challenges that this new year will bring. During the past couple of years we have been growing this idea and belief that good employees do good work but great employees have a burning passion to do great work. They come to work every day wanting and expecting excellence in everything around them. I believe it is these types of employees that we have been building our business with. Our core employees have this steadfast commitment to make each project they work on the best it can be. During this past year we have been very excited to be included on several extremely unique and one of kind projects

that have enabled us to raise the standard of service that our company provides to all our clients. Through these projects we have been able to showcase our talents in ways that even a couple of years ago were unheard of. Through the hard times of the past several years we have learned important lessons that have guided us in our pursuit of excellence. They are laid out in our mission statement and our company vision. Our mission statement is: to become and remain the area leader in landscaping and maintenance services through the following: highly skilled employees, outstanding customer service, and unparalleled quality of work. Our company vision is to become and remain a debt-free company which will enable us to better the life of our most valuable asset, our employees. As we step up to the challenges that this new year will bring we are more confident than ever that our

foundational principles and our determined employees will help guide us over any obstacles that may present themselves in 2012.

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