

# WICKENBURG LANDSCAPE & IRRIGATION, INC.

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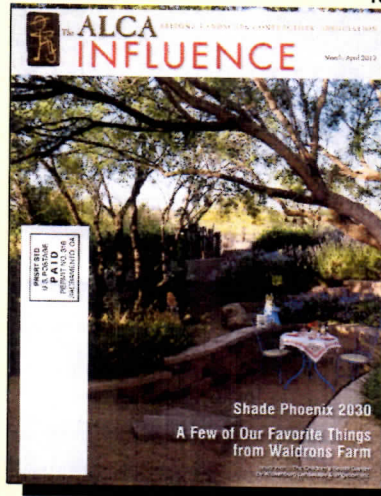
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## Achieving One of Our 2012 Goals!!

One of our goals for 2012 was to get one of our projects featured in a magazine. Our "Children's Secret Garden" project that was featured was not only in a magazine, it was the cover photo of ALCA, Arizona Landscape Contractors' Association, Influence's March/April Issue. Although everyone is extremely proud of this achievement the reaction of my 6 year old daughter Kathryn's face was priceless when she recognized herself in one of the photos. This project won us an "Award of Distinction" in 2011. Here is the submittal description....  
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### ALCA LANDSCAPING AWARDS

#### Small Garden Installation

Sponsored by BlueStar Landscape

#### Award of Distinction

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The Children's Secret Garden

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## ADDITIONAL PROJECT PHOTOS



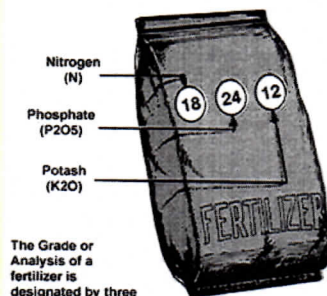
## Spring time fertilizing

With the warm days upon us and the trees and shrubs around us breaking out in blossoms and buds, when do we apply the season's first fertilizer? It is tempting to get right out in our yards and start up our fertilizing on the first day of 80 degrees. Although proper fertilizing is important; caution over-fertilizing can and will cause more damage than not fertilizing at all. Most importantly we need to understand the basics about what fertilizer is and what it does. The biggest misconception is that nitrogen is all the same. There are warm season and cool season nitrogens. As you probably have already guessed warm season nitrogen is absorbed during the warm months and cool season nitrogen in the cooler months. herein lies the problem. If we apply warm season nitrogen to our plants or grass during the cool months

it is not absorbed. It builds up during the cooler months and as the soil warms up all the nitrogen that has been applied hits the plant all at once overdosing the plant with too much of a good thing. During the winter months we need to be fertilizing our grass monthly with a cool season nitrogen based lawn fertilizer. As the temperatures warm up and the threat of frost subsides this is the time to start fertilizing your entire yard. A typical rule of thumb is to start spring time fertilizing after a solid 7-10 days of 80+ degree weather, along with a forecast of

non-freezing temperatures. So the bottom line is the right fertilizer applied at the right time is the most beneficial and will elevate your plants to a new plateau of health. With this new found energy your plants will now have the vigor to thrive and remain strong while naturally resisting the diseases and pests that are ever present around us.

### What's in a fertilizer "Grade" or Analysis



The Grade or Analysis of a fertilizer is designated by three numbers which are always listed in the same order. Additional nutrients may be listed elsewhere, but are not typically considered part of the Grade.

Next month: which diseases and pests daily assault our plants?

## "National Award Winning Landscapes"



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