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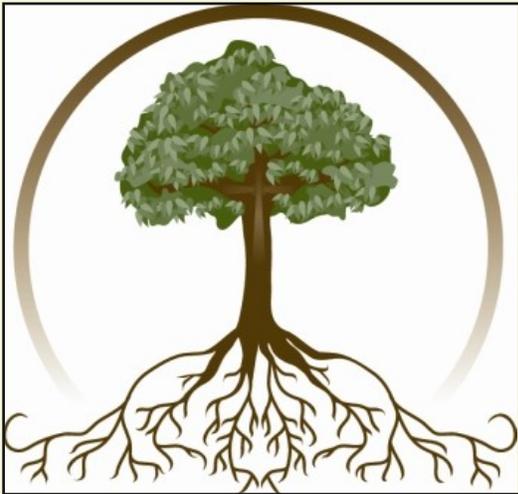
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## Overcoming the heat

Summer is almost upon us and the inevitable 110 degree days will be here in a matter of a few short weeks. So how do we ensure that our landscapes remain healthy and thriving in the severe heat? While water is the most common answer other factors needed include the appropriate amount of sun and light and adequate nutrients to stay healthy. The misconception of watering our plants going into the hot part



of the year is to water longer and more often. While it is true plants need more water in the hot days of summer than they do in winter months how they get the water is almost as important as how much. Trees need to develop a deep root system so watering them longer but less frequently is a better solution. Shrubs on



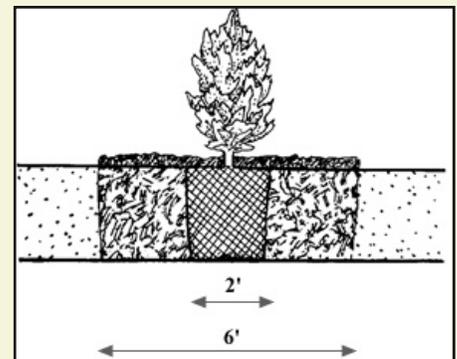
the other hand need less water but more frequently because of smaller root systems.

Secondly, the amount and intensity of the summer sun can "burn" or stress certain plants. Choosing a better plant for that specific site might be a better long term answer. For those areas

where you just "need" a certain plant providing some shade during the summer will help the plant. Using some 20-40% shade cloth to cover them will suffice.

Lastly, the nutrients in the soil are a vital part of a healthy plant. As the plants roots grow they use up the available nutrients and it now becomes our responsibility to "inject" more nutrients into the soil in useful forms that the plants can absorb. This is commonly done through fertilizer injection systems or can be done manually. If done manually apply only the recommended amounts as too much can harm the plant; as the saying goes "too much of a good thing is a bad thing".

Start applying these techniques to your yard in a balanced way this summer and watch your plants not only stay alive but actually thrive as they were designed to do.



## WLI Offices Getting a Makeover

**D**uring the past few months we have been remodeling our offices along with updating our landscaping layout. Our goal is to allow existing and potential clients to see some of our workmanship and innovative ideas on how we manage our properties. We are in the process of installing new paver patios and walkways along with a signature water feature. Our vision is to create and highlight everything



We feel that demonstrating our ideas and workmanship at our office will give people the confidence to choose us as their landscaping partners. I am convinced now more than ever that we only believe in what we will do for ourselves. We shouldn't drive a Chevy if we are selling Fords for a living. In the coming months and years our office property will become that showpiece which will demonstrate our level of commitment to serve our clients and their unique needs with the level of customer service that you have come to expect from Wickenburg Landscape.



we do in our client's yard right here at our office; this would include flower beds, a small orchard, a small lawn, fire pit, vegetable garden, BBQ and outdoor kitchen, along with several "themed" landscaped sections. The waterfall and pond will be set in tropical setting along with a fountain or two while in another area we will highlight some very unique cacti and how to incorporate them into a desert landscape. Our irrigation will be moved to a central raised platform to show and highlight the new features that we have been able to add to systems.



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