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Honoring our soldiers

Everyone should be genuinely thankful and blessed to live free in our beautiful country; The United States of America.

Although we do not spend very much time, outside of a few holidays, remembering those who protect and serve our freedoms we shouldn't take for granted the extraordinary sacrifices that these brave men and women have made.



In the fall of 2011 it was brought our attention that the Wickenburg Veterans Memorial had fallen into disrepair. While others fixed up the flagpoles and plaques Wickenburg Landscape jumped in to redo the

plantings. We removed the old and dying plants and replaced them with beautiful winter flowers. Having the ability to help keep a sacred place looking its best was one way that we could honor the troops especially those who have given their life in protecting our way of life.

We were so encouraged by the community's feedback that we decided to make this project a priority in our donation program. This past May 21st we were

given the opportunity to again plant flowers and we were pleased to be able to do our part in honoring our veterans by helping keep the Wickenburg Veterans Memorial looking maintained and respectful.

Preparing for the monsoon

The often unrealized danger that lies hidden in our summer monsoon weather is the localized high winds that can accompany these rapidly developing storms. Although the heavy rains can provide additional challenges to the plants in our landscapes it is the wind that can cause catastrophic damage. The wind gusts routinely exceed 70-80mph during these



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storms and this high wind has the ability to blow down trees; these trees rarely fall with little to no damage. When a tree falls they can cause damage to overhead utility wires, structures, vehicles and other plants in the yard. The best course of action to prevent wind damage is to have and maintain strong and properly pruned trees. This is done by selectively thinning and pruning during the rest of the year. If your trees are too dense they act like sails in the wind. The wind will leverage the size of the tree canopy "sail" against the tree branch crotches or the entire root system. The larger the sail the more leverage the wind has against the tree.



Once the tree reaches its breaking point, usually the trees roots give out letting the tree fall to the ground.

We can reduce this risk by keeping our trees properly thinned out. By thinning our trees at the

correct times of the year we can reduce this sail effect that wind has on our tree canopy. Since the ongoing cost of properly caring for our trees pales in comparison to the overall investment and replacement cost of those trees we need to make pruning our trees a priority before the inevitable monsoons arrive.

Arbor Day

Wickenburg Landscape and seven of its employees were happy to donate

their time to plant fifteen native trees at the Wickenburg Airpark for Arbor Day 2012 this past April 27. Working in conjunction with Rick Austin of the Town of Wickenburg we were able to design a layout of hybrid palo verde and mesquite trees to form an entrance to the airpark. Through material donations from our suppliers and



labor donated from our employees we were able to both plant and irrigate all the trees. This work included installing a new irrigation main and running a dedicated irrigation line for the trees and a separate dedicated line for the future shrubs.

We are excited to be able to give back to our community in creative ways such as planting trees for Arbor Day. We look forward to making Arbor Day part of our ongoing company culture

and look forward to providing new trees and the shade they provide on future Arbor Days.

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