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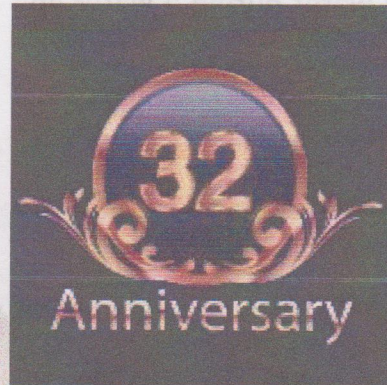
Wickenburg Landscape has turned 32! Yes in some ways it seems much longer than just 32 years but in other ways it almost seems like we just started a few short years ago. While we have had our ups and downs over the years I am very proud to work in and be associated with our company. I have "only" worked in the company 22 years and have seen us grow to become a leader in our small community.

As we continue to grow we look forward

to a very bright future with some of the best group of employees that anyone would want to work with. It is with this group that we will

continue to excel and bring to you the highest quality work to propel us forward not only as leaders in our industry but also in our community.

Aaron Wolfe

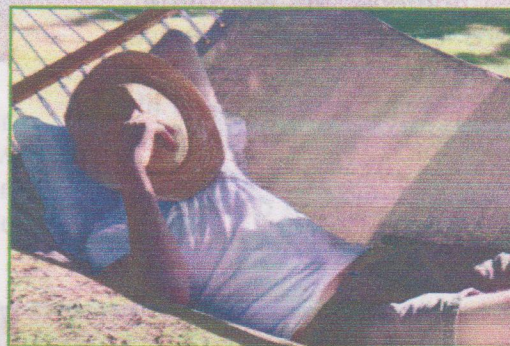


Delayed Spring

So far this year the weather has wreaked havoc on our plants. From the record breaking cold temperatures just a few weeks ago to the temperatures in the high eighties I think someone forgot to let us have a spring; or at least here in the desert. We actually had snow in and around Wickenburg for the first time in recent memory. While all the cold weather is not really great for our plants most of the varieties are adapted well to our climate but with the rapid warm up our plants are stressing and will need some patience as they come back to life this spring.

As the temperatures rise we will start to see where the plant is recovering from. It is at this spot where we want to prune the plant back to. Unfortunately most people will get impatient and start to unnecessarily cut back plants before they have had the proper amount of time to start recovering from the cold. I can only encourage patience and let the plants come back to life in due process. The common mistake will be to

pull out a bush that has been in the ground for several years and just replace it with a new one that looks great today. This could be sacrificing years of root growth that will eventually make that slowly recovering plant today far exceed the new plant in both growth and also health. The recovering plant has a large root system that will help it grow much quicker once it has sufficiently recovered from the hard freezing.



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So this spring let us all recognize that our plants have had a rough winter and with a little bit of care they will come through this coming summer to bring you the enjoyment that you desired when you planted them.

Anti-siphon device

The most overlooked part of an irrigation system is the anti-siphon device. The main reason would be that irrigation can function and operate without an anti-siphon device installed. Many homeowners consider this to be another wasted step that just costs additional money before they can get their plants or grass watering automatically. While it is another step, anti-siphon devices are installed for a legitimate reason. When an anti-siphon device is installed correctly it will prevent "irrigation" water from "siphoning" back into the drinking water during a water line break. These types of situations are becoming more common as our water providers water systems' age and their pipes burst and also during cold parts of the year when freezing causes lines to break.

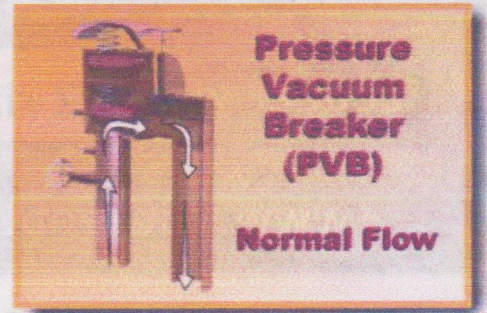
When water is siphoned back from our irrigation and into the drinking water it brings with it all the pollutants in the soil. For this reason many of the hardware stores have gone to selling an irrigation valve connected to an anti-siphon device; a virtual all in one. Since there are many types of anti-siphon devices that are used in the irrigation field let's describe



the ones that most homeowners will come across. While there are anti-siphon devices with double check valves, reduced pressure, pressure vacuum breakers, etc. I would like to focus on the two most prevalent in our client's yards.

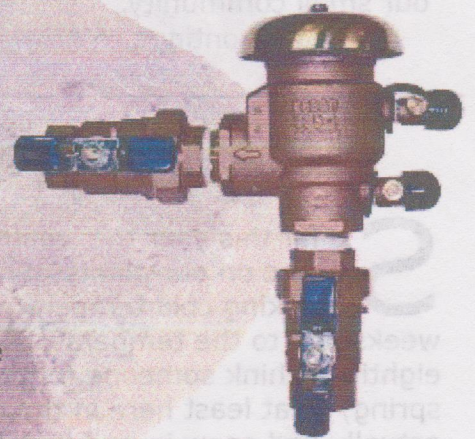
The most basic anti-siphon device would be an Atmospheric Breaker Valve or ABV.

These types of anti-siphon devices are typically attached to an electric irrigation valve and inside have a plunger that gravity pulls down if there is no water pressure inside them. This is very popular with homeowners but each valve needs to have an ABV installed and they easily malfunction especially with our hard water deposits that build up inside.



The better anti-siphon device to install would be a Pressure Vacuum Breaker or PVB. These are typically brass units that need to be installed a minimum of 12" above grade. The "pressure" part of the anti-siphon device is achieved from internal springs that force the valves closed when no water is present. This type of unit is generally required for a licensed contractor to work on your irrigation and the good part of this unit is only one needs to be installed per irrigation system. Once you have a proper anti-siphon device installed we can confidently move on to installing a fertilizer unit on our irrigation system to allow us to inject fertilizer into the water that waters our plants.

So now with a little bit of understanding about anti-siphon devices and how they work we can see their value and the safety that they not only bring to your family but to all the others that may share your water source.



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