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An Award - Winning Year

2011 has been an awarding winning year for Wickenburg Landscape. We took home the following honors in 2011. We won first place at National for retaining walls, first place in Arizona for retaining walls, Honorable Mention in Arizona for a landscape redesign, runner-up in Arizona for small garden, and 1st Place Arizona for low-voltage lighting.

"Our employees are the ones that produce the quality work that sets us apart"

We are very proud of these awards and feel like winning them sets our company apart from our competitors in and around Wickenburg. We look forward to creating more award-worthy projects in 2012. As we look toward the coming year we will

embrace the challenge of continuing to raise the bar of excellence in landscaping in Wickenburg by investing in

our employees who are the ones that produce the quality of work that our reputation will stand on for years to come.



The Wave Of The Future

In December Aaron Wolfe will be trained to install permeable concrete pavers. Permeable pavers are designed to allow

We can return much needed clean, filtered water to the water table.

water to flow in between the joints to a storage layer beneath. Because of the low amount of rainfall that Arizona receives we have struggled to embrace this advancement in our industry while other parts of the United States and the world have

been implementing these systems with

phenomenal results. These systems reduce the amount of runoff and allow us to harvest and reuse the water that we get through rainfall. This breakthrough technology will allow us to use or return to the water table clean and filtered water. By embracing these types of systems and incorporating them in our future landscapes we will become part of the solution of conserving our natural resources.



Preparing For The Winter Chill

Despite popular opinion that it never gets cold in Arizona we occasionally get down below freezing. There are several basic steps that we can do to prevent some of the frost sensitive plants that we find in our landscapes from either partially dying back or completely dying.

First we need to identify which types of plants, cacti, or succulents are susceptible to these types of cold weather. While it is not practical to try and keep certain types of plants such as bougainvillea and lantana from dying back it is acceptable to cut them back after the cold has damaged them.



People who have citrus trees have over the years just accepted the fact that if we get cold weather their trees will die back, however with a little bit of clever planning we can help these sensitive trees through the cold parts of our winter with very little damage. For the past five to six years we have been hanging C-9 Christmas

light bulbs in our citrus trees that we set on timers to run from late evening through midmorning. Each C-9 ball puts out 7 watts of heat. Now let's say that we hang 100 lights through the top of an orange tree; the lights now are producing 700 watts of heat which is capable of keeping the core of the citrus tree from becoming damaged. If the weather gets down in the low 20s or below we can cover the trees with the frost cloth which will help insulate the tree and keep the warmth of the lights inside the canopy. If we are using frost cloths to protect other plants they are capable of helping with about 6 to 8 degrees of protection.



While frost cloths and sources of heat can be used to minimize the damage that the winter cold causes we have to approach our landscape with the realistic notion that there will be some damage caused with extreme cold. One of the most important things to remember when working around plants during the cold times of the year is to never touch them while they are still frozen. Some plants have the ability to handle freezing but become damaged when they are touched while they are still in a frozen state.

This time of year can be challenging but with a little bit of planning and care we can include in our yards more of the exotic and unique types of plants that elevate common yards into beautiful destinations that we enjoy coming home to everyday.

Coming Events: 12/30 End of Year Employee Appreciation Luncheon
1/14 A.L.C.A. Training
1/27 Safety Luncheon

"National Award Winning Landscapes"



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