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Experience their Excellence

Wickenburg Landscape is very proud of both Suzanne Cabala and John Strader as they have successfully completed over 18 months of classes and hands on exams to become Arizona Certified Landscape Professionals (ACLP). This training course is unique in the fact that



it includes both classroom courses and outdoor "real world" testing. After passing each of the 10 courses they proceeded outdoors to physically verify that they could perform each of the sections "in the field". The courses included tree and shrub pruning, sod installation, bedding

flower installation, irrigation installation, safety and many other skills.

By learning all these skills and demonstrating both their knowledge and real world proficiency at each task they both far exceeded the minimum requirements necessary.



John and Suzanne were either at or near the top of each class and we are very proud to consider each of them a valuable member of our company. We are very grateful that our employees take advantage of continuing

their education which in turn allows Wickenburg Landscape to elevate its ongoing commitment to customer service.

Anatomy of an Irrigation System

Using the proper components for your irrigation system will ensure that your system functions properly for many years to come. With the rapid advancements within our industry we are now able to incorporate these new technologies into our irrigation systems to help enhance and extend the overall health of our landscape. Each month we will describe in detail one component of our irrigation system and describe its function.

Having the ability to identify the basics of our irrigation system and how they function will help you understand our viewpoint on irrigation water management. Through this management you will be able to see the benefits of the appropriate amount of clean water balanced with the precise nutrients that each of our yards requires. If these items are properly combined and managed the results in our landscapes will be nothing short of spectacular.

Irrigation Controller
Water Filter
Anti-siphon Device
Fertilizer Injection
Irrigation Valves
Pressure Regulators
Distribution Lines
Emitters and
Sprayers

New Life for your tired Lawn

When is the proper time to remove the built up thatch in our lawns? The common misconception is that we do this during the winter overseeding process. Thatch is the built up dead grass that "mats" in lawns such as Bermuda grass. You can usually verify this by walking on the lawn and any spongy areas have built up thatch. Thatch buildup hurts our lawns by reducing the amount of water and fertilizer that actually makes it to the root zone. By removing the thatch we enable the root zone the ample amount of water, fertilizer and air that it needs.

Dethatching is performed by a



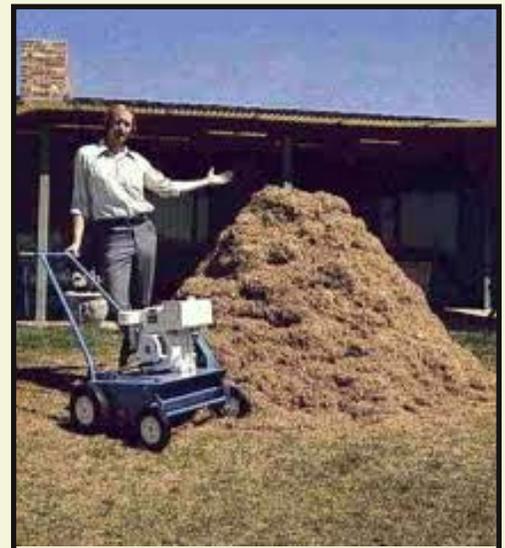
machine that has four horizontal shafts. Each shaft has 20-25 4" "blades" spaced about 1" apart. As the shafts rotate the blades slice through the grass digging out the thatch. This machine is set so that the height of the blades slices through the grass but does not dig into the dirt or root zone. Once the machine passes



over the lawn all the thatch is raked up and the lawn is dethatched in the opposite direction. This ensures that the long Bermuda grass runners are kept at a manageable length. Removing thatch should be done any time in the summer months that a buildup of thatch is detected.

Bermuda grass recovers from this "beating" by using the stored up energy in its root rhizomes. These are the fat white looking roots in the soil. These rhizomes also store energy for the lawn to green up in the spring. Because of this we need to allow the lawn sufficient time, usually 4-6 weeks,

to build back up those reserves to allow for a faster green up in the spring. In our local area most lawns need to be dethatched only once or twice a summer with the final dethatching being during the month of August. Keeping the thatch from building up on a regular basis helps conserve water and we need to apply less fertilizer while at the same time creating an environment for our lawns to thrive.



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