

SEASONAL PRUNING

While we enjoy one of the milder springs in recent memory we must start preparing for the dangers that the next few months will

bring. First is the heat. While most people have automated irrigation systems that do our watering for us, we need to remember to increase the duration of our irrigation as the temperatures rise. In order for our yards to thrive we need to proportion our watering to match our local temperatures. Second is the monsoon which always seems to sneak up on us toward the end of June. The localized winds and heavy rain can do enormous amounts of damage in a very short amount of time. Standard pruning practices state that we should not remove more than 25% of a tree's growth per year unless there are special situations. As we approach this time of year we like to thin our trees, especially the mesquite, a little bit more than usual. My personal belief is

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pruned" and is still alive when the monsoon is over." With proper planning and good execution our yards will not only make it through summer but will use the time to add beauty to our yards.

Upcoming Events:

- ◆ Certified Landscaper Training 6/4 & 7/9
- ◆ ICPI Training June 9-10
- ◆ 6/17 Safety/Employee Luncheon

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