

# Tip of the Horn Newsletter

Tips, facts and special offers to make your landscape the best it can be.

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Monthly - To do's

- Fire ants will soon make an uninvited appearance at your home. Watch for mounds around your A/C units. Ants will get into the unit and can cause damage to the electronics and electrical contacts inside the unit.
- Year long control with only one application treatment exists for fire ant control. Call or email for info and pricing.
- Check your shrubs and plants for signs of insect pests and disease. Scale has been a growing problem for Crape Myrtles for the past several years.
- Spring and Summer Color is available now, get your order in early to insure the best selection
- Snails and slugs will feast on your emerging tender shade perennials like Hostas. Treat early and often to eliminate these pests.

April is a pretty name and a great month for gardening in North Texas. It is also National Gardening Month and Arbor Day is the last Friday in April.

## Visit our showroom in historic downtown McK inney for design ideas

## Drip Irrigation saves you MONEY!

#### **Drip Irrigation for the flower beds**

Converting from conventional spray head irrigation to drip irrigation will save you about 40% on your water bill, conserve water and be healthier for your plants. The cost to retrofit your existing system is not very expensive and the return on your investment is likely less than 2 years.

### **Drip Irrigation for trees**

Trees benefit greatly from drip irrigation. The slow saturation watering allows roots to grow deeper into the soil and makes trees better able to withstand the elements of wind and drought.

#### **Drip Irrigation in the turf**

Is not as cost effective as drip bed irrigation installation, but will save a significant amount of water. Some cities are now requiring that the strip between the street and sidewalk be installed with drip irrigation on new home construction. The reason for this is that area is notoriously difficult to irrigate without wasting water on the side walk and the street.

#### Drip irrigation for planters and containers

Raised vegetable beds and pots for summer color are excellent candidates for drip irrigation. During the heat of the summer containers may need to be watered several times a day to keep them from drying out. The drip irrigation can be added to your existing irrigation controller if you have a spare zone or alternatively a battery operated controller can be installed which will allow you to set the programming to water as often as necessary to keep your plants thriving.



A well designed landscape can transform any back yard into an outdoor retreat

Call for a free design consultation or assistance with your landscaping questions



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