

# PRIME'S CLIPPINGS



*Our goal is to fulfill the needs of the customer by providing timely, quality services and products.*

**Thank you for your business**



## Happy Holidays!

Doesn't it seem like the clocks run twice as fast in November and December? Life can really be hectic during the holiday season. Not a bad thing necessarily, but it is also nice to slow down and reflect on the year - the successes and failures, blessings and misfortunes, and everything that has made this year unique and special.

The staff here at Prime Landscape is thankful for our loyal employees, helpful vendors, and especially thankful for you, our clients, for all our successes and blessings this year. We hope your year has been filled with successes that far outweighed any misfortunes, and that the coming year is even better. We wish you the very best of holidays.

## Winter Interest in the Garden

Some of us truly love winter, especially the mild type that we usually see here in north Texas. We have ample opportunities to enjoy our outdoor spaces, but with the dormant season it can be challenging to maintain attractive, interesting settings. Hollies and nandinas are often taken for granted, but in winter they can be big players with glossy green or red foliage and red berries, and of course they are a summer landscape staple as well. Several shrubs will bloom during the winter months. Include a few quince, camellia, mahonia, and winter flowering honeysuckle for periodic flowers. Certainly pansies and violas are the stars of winter, and an over-seeded lawn of lush rye grass really sets off flowers and shrubs. A water feature such as a fountain or waterfall entices the senses year-round, and

brings a special excitement during hard freezes when impromptu ice sculptures form.

The outdoor living craze has brought the element of fire back into the landscape in a variety of forms, from fireplaces to fire pits to chimineas. Now is the time to really make use of these accessories.

And lastly, consider a bird feeder to keep a stream of busy visitors coming and going.

So there you are on a brisk clear winter day, sitting next to your roaring fire pit, enjoying the splash of your waterfall and your colorful flowers, watching the cedar waxwings clean the berries off your mahonia bushes. Fill your yard *and* your life with interest!

## Yard Care This Month

As the days shorten and cool weather settles in there are still quite a few gardening chores to do. The leaves are really coming down now so let us know when you want them cleaned up if you are not on a regular schedule. Remember, for yards that have a lot of leaves and are not on a full service contract we will be charging extra in most cases to clean them up. If your home has gutters, you need to watch that they don't become

clogged. Clogged gutters are heavy and may sag or be damaged during big rains. We are available for gutter cleaning if you need help with this less than fun chore.

We have now had our first freeze. Perennials like esperanza, perennial hibiscus, and banana trees should be cut down and mulched. And if you have palm trees, you should wrap them with burlap before any really hard freezes.

We still have a great selection of pansies, so give us a call if you still have your old summer flowers. **This also the time to plant tulip and daffodil bulbs for a big spring show!**

We have had relatively dry weather in November. Unless we get regular rain you should still water once St Augustine, pansies, and newly planted shrubs once every 7-10 days. The dry weather has kept lawn



fungus from being much of a problem this year, but there were signs of Brown Patch in yards throughout our area. We will need to watch those areas in the Spring and treat if wet conditions cause a resurgence of the fungus.

Our shrubs and groundcovers should be in good shape until spring, but if you want anything pruned back severely

winter is the time to do it. This is also the time to remove low limbs that may cause problems on your roof and for any general tree maintenance.

Did you know that you should prune certain members of the oak family only during cold weather in December through February? Shumard oak and live oak are susceptible to oak wilt virus and the spores of this disease are more prevalent in warmer weather. When you're ready to take down the Christmas lights, call us for help with your tree trimming.

## Light Your World

Today's homeowners see their landscapes as a source of pride, a refuge for relaxation and a place to enjoy good times with family and friends. Professionally installed landscape lighting brings these spaces to life after the sun goes down, providing an unmatched aesthetic effect while adding safety and function. Landscape lighting can also increase the resale value of your property, something sorely needed in this down market. Low voltage lighting is the normally best choice for residential outdoor lighting. The high-end residential and commercial grade lighting we use is energy efficient, attractive, and durable. LED technology is now available for landscape lighting and may be an even more energy efficient option for those willing to invest in a system for the long term.

As your landscape evolves plants mature, trees gain height and breadth, and shrubbery beds are often reconfigured. A lighting system must be flexible to encompass these changes. The minimal disruption of the initial in-

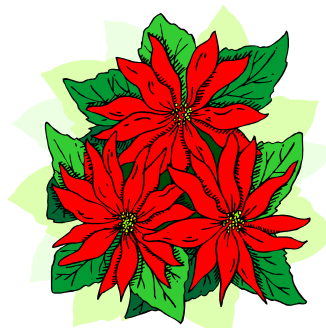
stallation and the ease with which changes are accomplished with a low voltage system are key factors in accommodating the slow-paced dynamic of the outdoor environment. Planning for the present includes planning for the future.

Landscape lighting reveals the house and grounds in the setting that was lost as night fell. The purpose of lighting is to re-establish the relationship between the house and the landscaping. Lighting should enhance the setting, extend the hours of enjoyment of the outdoors and provide for the safety and convenience of guests. It can also address issues of security in a manner that is aesthetically pleasing and appropriate to the site.

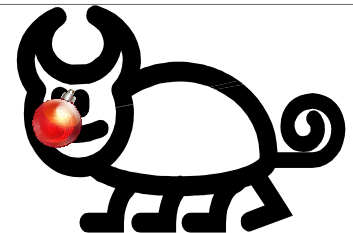
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## December Jobs

- Prune dormant perennials
- Clip fresh red berries from hollies, nandina, and pyracantha
- Finish leaf clean-ups
- Transplant shrubs and trees
- Insulate outdoor hose bibs
- Water lawns and beds before hard freezes
- Plant Spring bulbs



Hi, I'm  
Randolph the  
red nosed  
chinchbug!



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