



Prime's Clippings

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Spring Cleaning

Everybody gets into spring cleaning, and your lawn should not be left out. March is here and we have started our spring yard clean-ups. It will take most of the month for us to get to everyone so if you need service sooner, or if your yard is not ready yet, please give us a call and let us know.

Most of our yards need additional work on the first visit. We drop the mowers a few notches to remove the old dead stubble, and there are usually quite a few leaves accumulated, especially after all the windy weather this year. The other culprit is live oaks. They start dropping in Feb and continue

through March, and they never all drop at the same time.

We do charge hourly for all spring clean ups that take longer than the time normally spent on a mowing, but the good news is that our rate hasn't changed in the last six years.



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

Thanks for your business!

Don't forget the groundcovers!

The warming trend of February means that many dormant or semi-dormant plants are beginning to put out new shoots of growth. That means that it is high time to trim back spent foliage. Our ornamental grasses such as liriopse, fountain

grasses, and pampass grass are already starting to emerge. These plants must be cut back immediately to avoid cutting the new growth and leaving rough-edged foliage all year. Asian jasmine also does best when mowed lower and allowed to

green up to a lower height. Perennials also need their dormant foliage removed ASAP!

Call us today to schedule if you haven't already finished these important end of winter chores.

March Chores:

- Trim groundcover
- Apply pre-emergent and broad-leaf herbicides
- Prune overgrown shrubs back
- Prune low limbs on trees
- Prune dormant perennials & fountain grasses
- Plant and transplant trees & shrubs
- Till vegetable gardens and plant cool weather crops

Treat fire ants now for season long control

Fire ants are not only painful, they are destructive. Fire ants love electrical motors, especially in cold weather. They will build colonies in outdoor electrical boxes, landscape lighting, swimming pool pumps, air conditioners, and even sprinkler control valves. They chew through insulation on the wires and cause electrical

shorts or damage to other components.

Ants will begin migrating once soil temperatures hit 60 degrees. Baits and products for controlling individual mounds, called the "Texas Two Step" by the TDA, is the standard approach and is effective if applied several times each year. Bait prod-

ucts have the least environmental impact due to the minute amounts required, yet have the most long-term affect on ant populations. However, there is also a product that can control fire ants for up to 12 months with just one application, and *this is the optimum time to apply.* **12 months of control starting at just \$100.00!** Call today!

Sign up now for lawn treatments and receive a free fire ant treatment!

Are we taking care of all your lawn's needs?

If not, why not?

We apply only the best professional grade lawn products and also have organic applications such as corn gluten meal which is a natural pre-emergent. Tony and Juan, our TDA licensed applicators, have over 12 years combined experience. If you are

currently using another company such as ChemLawn for your fertilizing and weed control, call us today!

Just sign up for a full year's service of 7 traditional treatments or 6 organic treatments, pay for the full year in advance, and receive a free Texas Two Step fireant treatment. **Complete lawn fertilizing and weed control packages start at only \$294.00!** It's never too late. Call today to get started!



Wet Winter To Cause Potential Problems

The El Nino effect has caused us to have a very wet winter and the weather pattern doesn't look to change in the next couple months. What does this mean to your landscape? We will likely see a lot of fungal disease problems in lawns and on shrubs. In fact, we are already seeing entomosporium leaf spot on hawthorns and photinias. Wet soils also increase root rot diseases. You may see a shrub or tree suddenly wilt or turn brown and die. The disease may have been present in the soil for years but the lack of oxygen from wet soils and the increased activity of the disease organisms may be the final tipping point. Fire ants will also erupt with a vengeance as the soils warm. We will try to let you know when we see a problem and have a recommendation.

Thanks For Your Patience



Spring is upon us in full force. We want to especially thank all our clients who started on their spring projects with us a month or two ago when we had a little more free time, and we appreciate the patience of all of you who are now calling in for landscape projects and having to wait a few days for your estimates. We will do our best to get to whatever you need as quickly as we can. We look forward to working with you in the coming season.

Roofing by Prime Did you know? Prime has been doing 20 to 50 year composition roofs for the past 10 years. If you are interested in having a roof removed and re-roofed with composition style 3 tab or timberline let us save you money. We offer an average savings of \$2000 per roof. Ask for Greg.

What can we do for you?

Don't forget—Prime Landscape offers a full array of landscape services. If you are considering any outdoor improvements, call us first and compare our quality and prices.

- Landscape design
- Sprinkler Systems
- Water Gardens, Waterfalls
- Swimming Pools
- Stone Masonry
- Retaining Walls
- Patios
- Outdoor lighting
- Concrete
- Seasonal color planting
- Sprinkler Repair
- Drain Systems
- Mowing
- Fertilizing
- Weed control
- Insect and Disease control
- Shrub and tree trimming