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Popular Annual Color Choices for Spring

Impatiens (pictured below)

Petunia

Geranium

Allyssum



GIVE LIFE!

**FRIDAY MAY 8th
1:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

Precision is sponsoring a blood drive.

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Precision Landscape Management

Spring 2009 Newsletter

Improvement in Drought Conditions Predicted

The National Weather Service predicts 'some improvement' in the next three months in our current drought conditions. Does this mean we can water all we want, unfortunately no. We are heading in the right direction but are by no means in the clear. Currently we are in a moderate drought and the NWS predicts above normal temperatures and below normal precipitation in the next 60 days. So how can they predict improvement? Well as all of us are too aware we have been in a drought for the last several years. This year it is predicted we will get more rain over the next few months than last year but it is by no means "normal" rainfall and outdoor water usage can be more than 50% of our total summer water use.

That being said, what can we do and what can we expect in restrictions this summer. The following list is from the City of

Dallas and is what will be in effect starting in April.

- Hand water or use a soaker hose. Both are permitted at any time.
- Maintain your sprinkler system. Repair any broken, missing or misdirected sprinkler heads.
- Automatic sprinkler system owners are required to have rain and freeze sensors installed.
- Don't water during any form of precipitation.
- Don't allow your sprinkler system to water driveways, sidewalks and streets.
- Don't waste water by allowing runoff onto a street or other drainage area when you're watering.

• Don't water your yard between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. between April 1 and October 31.

• Precision has also seen some promising reports of water savings using certain "ET" Based Controllers.

Ft Worth also will have restrictions on watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Plano, Frisco, and Allen are all predicting similar restrictions as last year so we need to be prepared. Water is one of our most precious resources and with good management we can create beautiful landscapes while using it wisely.



Welcome Aboard!

We would like to welcome our newest clients to Precision!

- Towne Place Suites
- Spring Creek Office Park
- Summertree Shopping Center
- Mockingbird Park Shopping Ctr
- Rainier Southlake DST
- Glen Abbey
- The Meridian

- Shops @ Legacy
- Starwood HOA
- Vista Point South Phase II
- Tristar, 8200
- Eldorado Market
- Westin Park Central Hotel
- MacArthur, 7979
- Rosewood Court
- 2999 Turtle Creek

- NEC Campus
- The Mayfair
- Colonnade
- One Arts Plaza
- Granite Park
- Stanford Corporate Center
- Lone Star Ranch
- Radisson Hotel
- Water & Power Technologies

Seasonal Spotlight

VIBURNUM AWABUKI

“Chindo”

Chindo Viburnum is a drought tolerant evergreen shrub that reaches 10-15' in height and is great for hedges and screening. Plant has white rounded flowers in spring and bright red fruit clusters in the fall. This Viburnum's evergreen

Nature makes it really nice for the winter interest with its “shiny/waxy” leaves. Even with no blooms, the varying shades of green from the new growth make the plant seem to “shimmer” in the sun. Chindo Viburnum can take sun to partial shade and grow in a wide range of soil types except areas that remain wet.



Chindo At A Glance:

Exposure: Sun to Partial Shade

Water: Drought Tolerant
Avoid Wet Soils

Mature Size: 10–15 feet

Leaves: Evergreen

Bloom Period: Spring

Leaves: Evergreen

Growth Rate: Rapid

Spring Gardening Tips

Spring is a busy time for gardeners. It's a time to prepare for the summer by pruning, planting and mulching. Here are some easy to follow tips for gardening in the spring time that will ensure a beautiful garden all summer long.

Most shrubs benefit from annual **PRUNING**. This will keep them in shape, gets rid of

dead and diseased wood and encourages new growth. Wait to prune flowering shrubs until after they have bloomed!

- **PLANTING.** Choose your new plants carefully. Make sure you examine their root system. Plant new plants in nutrient rich topsoil, or with a mixture of compost as this will make them grow faster

and stronger.

- **MULCHING** in the spring discourages weeds from growing, conserves moisture during drought periods and improves the overall appearance of the beds.



Recipe Corner - Easy Stuffed Jalapenos

Ingredients Needed:

- Package of bacon, slices cut in half cross-wise
- Package of cream cheese (8 oz)
- 10-12 jalapenos peppers
- Garlic salt
- **GLOVES!**

Preheat oven to 425. **Be sure to wear gloves when preparing!**

1. Cut your bacon strips in half,

do it in the package. Don't open the bacon, just take a large knife and cut package in half cross-wise.

2. **WEAR GLOVES!** Rinse your jalapenos, cut top stem off, and then cut in half lengthwise. De-vein and de-seed the pepper. Salt inside of peppers.

3. Cube cream cheese and fill peppers full but not overflowing because the mixture expands as it cooks.

4. Take the half slices of bacon

and wrap around the stuffed pepper.

Place on cookie sheet and cook until bacon is done and cream cheese mixture may be getting a little brown. About 10 minutes, look in on them as they're cooking to make sure they're not over or undercooked.



NEW PRECISION BABY!

We are pleased to announce that Adrienne and Rick Bonds are proud parents of a baby boy, Canyon Scott Bonds, born January 9th, weighing 7 lbs. 10 ounces & 20 inches tall! We are excited to have Adrienne back with us in April.!

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

10 YEAR ANNIVERSARIES

Juan Jimenez
Jose L. Torres
Pete Walsh

5 YEAR ANNIVERSARIES

Lino Lujano
Rodolfo Ruiz
Juan Tapia
Juan Vargas

Quotable Quotes

“Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago.”
Warren Buffet