

Drought Conditions Still In Affect for Metroplex



Unfortunately our area is still experiencing drought conditions and the area lake levels are at record low levels. Currently the levels for our area reservoirs are as follows:

Lavon less than 48%
Texoma less than 77%
Tawakoni less than 64%
Chapman less than 31%

We at Precision are committed to being as proactive as possible in providing services that will adhere to the current and possible future water restrictions and still provide the landscape curb appeal your site deserves and requires.

Your landscape consultant will be available to answer any questions and provide pricing for services that currently are allowed under water restriction guidelines.

These services would include:

- Hand watering on site with up to two (2) hours per day.
- Installation of drip irrigation on existing color beds
- Water truck services

- Application of mulch to help conserve moisture and regulate the temperature of soil.

As always we are also available for consultation to review your existing landscape inventory and plan the conversion to more drought tolerant plantings.

Thank you for instructing Precision to manage your landscape and please know we are always striving to provide you the best and most efficient services possible.

March is SmartScape Month!

SmartScape Month is a regionally coordinated effort to promote the water conservation, pollution prevention, recycling, composting, and waste reduction principles of Texas SmartScape. SmartScape plants are native and adapted to the Texas climate and need less water

and fertilizer to thrive even in the heat of Texas summers. In addition, the Texas SmartScape program encourages proper design, care, and maintenance techniques to better protect the environment. To view thier database of suggested plants please visit: http://txsmartscape.com/plant_search/list.asp



Long Term Plans for Landscape Water Conservation

Things you can do now!

- **Change Nozzles:**
Change sprinkler head spray nozzles to water conserving multi-stream nozzles which apply water in heavier droplets, so less water is lost due to displacement by wind and evaporation. Also make any repairs (broken heads/nozzles, leaks, malfunctioning head/rotor, etc) to your irrigation system necessary to stop water waste or runoff.
- **Replace Controller:**
Replace an older irrigation controller with new models with water conserving settings (soak and cycle; seasonal adjustment) or with a smart controller which use evapotranspiration or moisture sensors to determine runtime. *PLM licensed irrigators use these techniques on all of our properties when allowed. If you are interested in updating your controller please contact your landscape consultant.
- **Install a Rain and Freeze Sensor:**
This sensor prevents an automatic system from applying water while raining or during freezing conditions to avoid loss of water and prevent hazardous ice conditions. These are mandatory for all DFW cities.

- **Drip Irrigation:**

Install drip irrigation (many existing irrigation systems can be converted to drip irrigation). Drip irrigation is 90% efficient compared to spray irrigation which is about 65% efficient if designed, installed and maintained properly. There is now sub-surface drip tubing available for lawn areas. In most cases drip irrigation is exempt from drought restrictions.

- **Plant Drought Tolerant Plants:**

Utilizing native and adaptive drought tolerant plants reduces the amount of landscape water needed. However changes should not be made to your landscape during a drought. Wait until drought conditions and watering restrictions have lifted before making any changes. The best times to plant are during the fall, winter or early spring. Texas A&M University Horticulture Department also has an Earth Kind website full of information and a plant search database at <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/earthkind/>.

- **Plant Trees:**

Shade trees cool the landscape and therefore lower the evapotranspiration rate. Evapotranspiration is the loss of water from the soil due to evaporation and from plants due to transpiration. Plant trees on the western side of your landscape to receive the most benefit from shading (this will also save electricity). Select trees from your cities' recommended plants list or go to <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/earthkind>

- **Aerate Lawn Area:**

Clay soil becomes compacted over time from activities, rain and irrigation. To increase the soil's ability to absorb water, aerate the lawn area in the spring and apply about one-quarter inch of compost.

http://dallas.tamu.edu/media/73808/drought_proofing_your_landscape_final.pdf

Spring Home Gardening Tips

- Spring is one of the best times to plant new plant material and replace any material which has died during the freezes. Make sure you do your research and find the best plant for the location. Consider light requirements, soil conditions, water requirements, texture and color.
- If you are planting a new bed or tree we highly recommend you also add a bubbler and/or drip irrigation. This will allow you to water when restrictions are in place.
- Make sure to mulch your plants annually, biannual is best! Mulching your plants will help protect the roots and plants when a freeze comes. In the summer, mulch will also help retain water and keep the roots cool.



Employee Anniversaries

March-May 2014

13+ Years

Personnel Name	Position	Years with PLM
Bruce Birdsong	CEO & Owner	35
Nemorio Rocha	Prosper Maintenance Manager	28
Jose Ambrocio	Maintenance Porter	21
Federico Aguilera	Maintenance Manager	20
Mario Mora	Landscape Crew	18
Antonio Mendieta	Landscape Manager	17
Steve Warneke	Irrigation Manager	17
Scott Freis	President	17
Ignacio Ipina	Maintenance Porter	16
Bravilo Nambo	Maintenance Porter	16
Rodolfo Ahedo	Chemical Tech	16
Juan Jimenez	Maintenance Manager	15
Eduardo Hernandez	Landscape Crew	14
Miguel Lopez	Landscape Crew	14
Tomas Lopez	Landscape Manager	14
Daniel Perez	Maintenance Crew	14
Nicoloas Alonso	Landscape Crew	14
Donai Perez	Arbor Crew	14
Jose Quiroz	Maintenance Crew	14
Hector Ruiz	Maintenance Manager	13
Jose Nambo	Maintenance Crew	13
Pablo Martinez	Arbor Technician	13
Jason Cook	Irrigation Technician	13

Welcome New Clients of PLM!



Stonebridge Ranch - Area C	Beltline 6440
Los Arboles	Northwest Tech & Service Center
Waterford on the Park	Hardin Lake
HighInds of Kessler Park	Quorum, 14801
Champion Drive, 1421	Greens of Glen Eagles Commons
Strictland, 5401 & Saunder, 5201	Tristar 8080
E. Loop 820 South, 3829	Sysco

RECIPE CORNER:

Crockpot Buffalo Chicken

Courtesy: TheFrugalGirls.com

Revised by: Lauren Little

What You'll Need:

- 4 - 5 Boneless Skinless Chicken Breasts, thawed (or frozen- just cook on Low 10-12 hrs)
- 1 bottle Frank's Red Hot Wings Buffalo Sauce {12 oz.}
- 1 packet Hidden Valley Ranch Seasoning Mix {1 oz.}
- Green Onions {you can omit}
- Crockpot

What You'll Do:

- Place chicken breasts in the bottom of the crockpot {For easy clean-up use a crockpot liner}
- Empty the Buffalo Sauce over the chicken then sprinkle the ranch packet.
- Cook chicken in crockpot on high for 3 hours {covered} or on low for 8-10 hours.
- Serve as chicken breasts and garnish with green onions, or shred and serve on buns.



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