



# WHAT'S UP IN *November* *December* 2014

**H**ere is our next “What’s Up” bulletin, our helpful tip sheet, including reminders of upcoming seasonal occurrences or events you need to prepare for, suggested essential actions to take in advance, and important facts to educate you on how to create and maintain the perfect outdoor living space. Whether your grounds are residential or commercial, we want you to be well-informed on what needs to be done, when it needs to be done, and *why* you should do it or have it done professionally to get your outdoor environment lush, healthy and beautiful.

## Break Out the Pruning Shears

Prune your evergreen shrubs and trees (fruit trees, too) now – shape them and remove dead wood. Delay pruning of spring-flowering plants like azaleas, spireas and forsythia until they have finished blooming in the spring, unless they need major downsizing.

## Landscape Lighting

With the Holidays coming, now is the perfect time to evaluate your current landscape lighting or consider installing new lighting for your home. We provide free evaluations and consultation for your outdoor lighting needs during the winter months, the best time to visualize and install to avoid damage to your valuable plantings.

## Last Chance for Fertilizing

Feed your lawn one final time this fall to promote a strong green start next spring.

## Hardscapes

Winter is also the perfect time to get that patio, firepit, walkway or retaining wall that’s been on your wish list done. We specialize in all types of hardscapes, so call us to help you plan and get your project underway.

## Defeat Old Man Winter, Get a Jump on Spring

Predictions are for a brutal winter, so job one is to winterize your irrigation system. Don’t know how? Give us a call and we’ll take care of it properly. Rake up all your leaves and yard litter and mulch it to build up your compost pile. Or consider leaf removal – we do that too. Trim back and deadhead your perennials. Clean out your annual flower beds and borders. Replace soggy, matted mulch with fresh (and compost the old). Test your soil to take the guesswork out of fertilization. Sharpen your mower blades, shears and garden tools and store them properly. Then batten down the hatches. It’s gonna be cold outside.



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