

Hello,

I wanted to give everyone an update on what Artistree was planning in the month of May. Artistree will be trimming the week of May 8<sup>th</sup> in the community. The focus for the May shrub pass is listed below.

1. Fertilize the palms and flowering shrubs (the blackout starts June 1<sup>st</sup> and we will not be able to fertilize again until October)
2. Trimming all of the hibiscus that have not already been cut back.
3. Trimming the Bougainvillea in the fronts of the single family homes.
4. Trimming the Jasmine shrubs in the fronts and backs of the single family homes.
5. Weed control in the beds and the driveways and sidewalks.
6. Cleaning of the donuts.
7. Trimming dead fronds on Pygmy Palms.

**If you are on the no cut list nothing will be trimmed unless a work order is submitted.**

If a homeowner has a special request please ask them to submit a work order by May 11<sup>th</sup>. Otherwise all other trimming requests will take place when the crew returns again the week of June 12<sup>th</sup>.

The fertilizer department will be around for the final turf fertilizer application before the end of May. There will also be a pest tech crew applying an insecticide to the turf to prevent the spread of cinch bugs this month.

You may have noticed the flags surrounding the ponds, this is an effort to create a 4 foot buffer line around the ponds. The flags will remain there until the mow crew can see and established line or buffer and it is evenly distributed. The buffer will be cut down once a month or as needed to create a one foot stand of plant material. This may seem a little messy at first but as it starts to fill in it and be maintained by trimming it back.

The grass mowing is still planned for every Tuesday. I evaluate the turf on Mondays to make sure the conditions are not too dry to mow during this drought. We skipped mowing last week so this Tuesday it will be mowed. I will send my recommendations to the landscape committee each week until we move away from the drought.

Please remember that irrigation checks are at the end of the month. We check each home every month to ensure the system is working. Meaning we check for broken heads or driplines. **The community is being charged every time you submit a request outside of the monthly check.** Contiguous requests to check dry grass and plants are unnecessary. I am already monitoring the property and I can see that the turf and plants are stressed.

Irrigation is only a supplemental application of water and without rain, plants and turf will be stressed. The community is limited on how much watering is allowed and unfortunately, it probably is not enough to keep St. Augustine grass happy. Hopefully, the summer rains will return again soon to green everything up and activate the new fertilizer.

I hope this update is informative, I will send one out every month with the schedule. If you have any further questions or would like to submit a work request please contact Darcie at Lighthouse.

Thank you,  
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Account Executive