

Gardenworks Times

Time To Get Outside!



It's time to plant annual and perennial flowers along with summer vegetables such as tomatoes, beans, peppers, melons, and squash.

Irrigation systems that have been turned off for the season should be started back up and programmed properly. Remember that water needs for plants vary greatly throughout the growing season and irrigation timers needs to be programmed according to these needs and the weather conditions. It is most important to set your controllers to water on a schedule that follows the

Evapotranspiration (ET) curve. If you're not doing that you're wasting precious water, paying more for water, and doing the plants in your garden harm. All of the gardens that are installed and managed in our company are irrigated according to the ET curve. The highest water use month is July.

It's also time to get out that patio furniture and clean it up for those backyard barbecues and parties. Look at your patios and repair any cracked masonry joints or loose stones. If needed, we can help with all of these things.

Spring is a beautiful time of year. Bees are buzzing, flowers are blooming, shade trees are filling out, and we're all digging through our closets to pull out those shorts, sandals, and Summer clothes. Most of California was fortunate this year to have average or above-average rainfall so we're not all faced with the dire prospects associated with another drought year.

There's plenty to do in the garden this time of year and all of us are thrilled to be enjoying longer and warmer days.

Training

We tailor our employee training programs to certain topics at certain times of the year. This Spring we are focused on the training topics of planting, soil preparation, fertilization procedures, and lawn care.

Our program takes two forms. The first is bi-weekly classroom style training that is com-

binated with our staff meetings. During these in-office meetings we focus on written and diagrammatic instructions on how to properly do tasks in the field. Those sessions are followed up with on-the-job trainings that instruct workers on the proper and safe way to do tasks in the workplace. Both types of training have allowed us to



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minimize injuries in the workplace and to be confident that projects are being installed and maintained properly.

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Spring Garden Check List:

- > Fertilize Citrus and Roses
- > Prune Winter/Early Spring Flowering Plants
- > Fertilize Lawns
- > Program and Start Irrigation Controllers
- > Check and Adjust Sprinklers
- > Eliminate Standing Water to Reduce Mosquitos

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Value and Rewards of Volunteer Work



Quite often cities turn to its own population for assistance with projects that improve the community that we live in. Several community projects would not have been possible without the help of volunteers. Being community members ourselves, we understand the value that these projects bring to our lives. Our previous volunteer projects include: Car-

son Warner Skate Park, HES Little League field renovation, Healdsburg Community Center garden, and HHS sculpture on the quad. Most recently our employees participated in the installation of the Knox Community Garden.

This community garden will provide 60 raised vegetable boxes for the public to grow its own vegetables.

Currently, our design department is developing a landscape design for the Healdsburg Art Trail which borders Vine St. just opposite City Hall. We will focus on climate appropriate plant material and the community can view this garden as an example of a water-aware style of landscaping.

Employee News

... staff landscape designer, Jeff Hausman, successfully passed the Landscape Architects' Exam ...

Recently, our staff landscape designer and project manager, Jeff Hausman, successfully passed the Landscape Architect examination. Jeff is a graduate of UC Davis with a degree in Landscape Architecture and has worked with us for over 10 years. This examination consists of multiple modules and has an extremely low pass rate.

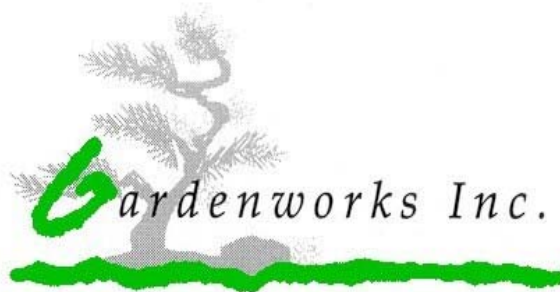
Congratulations to Jeff for his determination and diligence in achieving this career milestone. It's not an easy task to work full-time, raise a young family, and still find time to prepare for such a rigorous undertaking.

Please contact Jeff with any landscape design needs that you may have.



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