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Dear TJ,

Alexon Design is proud and excited to bring you our first newsletter. Our goal is to keep you updated on the current landscaping issues and events. We hope to inform and entertain you with some special features such as our project of the month, Reader's "question and answer," and topics that will be useful to help you optimize and continue to preserve your home's landscape.

Monsoon Season Is Here!

This is the first year that the Monsoon season started on a specific date regardless of the weather. It officially arrived this year on June 15th; and will end on September 30th. The National weather Service decided to set the specific dates for the Monsoon season to keep people aware of the dangers of the monsoons during a specific time; just as they do with the hurricane season on the gulf coast. The monsoon season is the rain season for us here in the valley. Although it is beautiful and greatly needed, it can sometimes wreak havoc on your landscaping. This is the unfortunate happening of heavy rains and wind. It can greatly affect newly installed landscaping as well as mature and established trees. There are precautions that can be taken to eliminate or to help minimize damage done by the Monsoons.



- Make sure that trees are secure with the stakes and if needed, add a second or third stake for stabilization. Just be sure to not stake too tightly.
- If you do have mature trees, thinning a top heavy tree will help to balance the weight and help to

prevent a tree from snapping or toppling over.

- High winds and dust storms may move or clog the emitters in your drip line. Once the storm has passed, it's always a good idea to go around and check that they haven't blown out of place or been clogged by debris.

Monsoons are an act of "Mother Nature" and the damage caused by them is not under warranty. However, precautions can be made to help your landscape survive the monsoon season.

Featured Design

This project was a remodel done in north Scottsdale. The Client's landscape project was inspired by similar landscape themes that can be found in California. Although many of the plants used for



inspiration could not be used here in Arizona's climate, we were able to successfully simulate the "look" by using a variety of plants native to Arizona.

Designers:

- Roger Hagener
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Reader's question:

Q. My Grass was installed this week and there are sections that are quite yellow. Why is this happening and what can I do about it?



A. When new sod is installed

during triple digit season, it may need a period of transition. We have found that after it is initially installed there are some key elements that have to happen in order for it to green up again. The first is that it must be put on a continuous appropriate watering system. Initially it will need more water for establishment and rooting. Early morning watering is the best and prevents evaporation and burn to the sod. Also if possible, try to eliminate any foot or animal traffic on the sod until it has rooted. There are summer and fall fertilizers containing nitrogen that can help to green the sod after it becomes established. (You want to follow directions precisely in order for it not to burn your sod.) Finally, mowing the sod frequently after it has been completely rooted can also help prevent the brown "canopies" of thick Bermuda that can build up. These proactive measures should help your sod recover quickly and you should start to be able to enjoy a green lawn until it is time for over seeding with rye or allowing true dormancy through the winter months.



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