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Get Ready, Get Set, SPRING!

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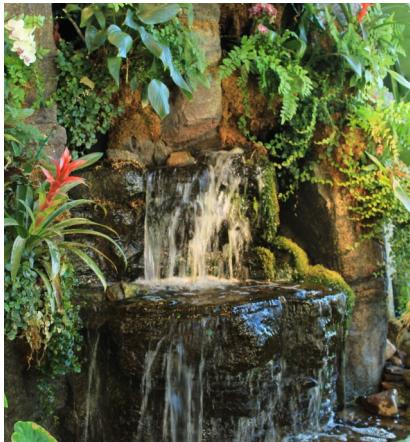
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Mike, The Homeowner, Gets Ready for Spring

Mike couldn't wait to go out and enjoy the beautiful Spring weather. Already in February, Albuquerque was having record high temperatures. He decided to round up the kids and take



trip to the Biopark. There was a new Bugarium there and he also wanted to get some ideas for color to add to his yard. While there, he saw this beautiful pond and waterfall. He realized that he needed to get his own pond cleaned up and it could be really messy. That's when he remembered that Quality Lawn Care also offered pond cleaning services. Last year it really helped to get all the muck and old spent plants out of his pond and the water was so nice and clean when they were done.

When he got home later, he noticed that his lawn had a lot of dead grass that seemed to be preventing his green grass from emerging. Checking the QLC website he was able to see

that power raking and aerating were also services that were offered. He watched the video that showed the process that the QLC team took when power raking and decided that could really benefit his yard. He also realized that he didn't want to go through all the trouble of renting a dethatcher, raking the dead grass and then hauling away the trash. It was a lot of work, but the QLC crew made it look so easy. He recalled that the previous year his yard was off to a great start when he had QLC aerate and fertilize his lawn and when they used the pre-emergent it really helped to cut down the amount of weeds he'd had before he used the service.

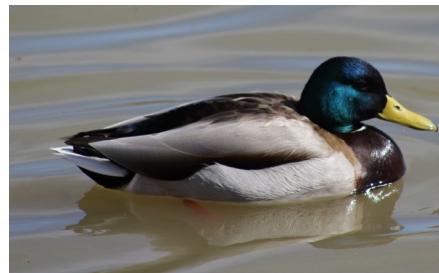
When he called and spoke to Rob he found out he called just in time because now that Spring was well under way, the calls were picking up and their schedule was filling up. He was excited to see tiny green buds emerging on his trees and shrubs. He thought he better add some fertilizing services for his trees and shrubs.

He was reminded that he needed to water a couple of days before the QLC crew comes out so they get a good plug. It only takes about 15-20 minutes of good watering, but it was important that he takes this extra step otherwise the machine won't be able to do its job well. (continued on pg 3)

March 'To-Do' List



- Clear out all debris under trees and shrubs to prevent overwintering insects from hatching and attacking your plants.
- Aerate lawns and apply fertilizer with pre-emergent to help reduce the number of weeds in your yard. (It won't get rid of all of them, but it will make a significant impact with a pre-emergent.)
- Power rake lawns that have a thick layer of thatch or dead grass. This will help remove the obstructions preventing healthy grass growth.
- Fertilize trees and shrubs.
- Begin watering your lawns, trees and shrubs 1 time per week.
- Spray non-turf areas with pre-emergent to reduce the number of weeds that will be cropping up in your rock areas this spring.
- Clear out all dead leaves and debris from around the base of shrubs and trees.
- Check irrigation to be sure that there are no broken heads or leaks.
- Plant spring flowers.
- Turn soil and compost in compost bins.
- Prune your roses.
- And finally, Enjoy the weather!
- Need help? Call us @ 836-4000.



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All of our newsletter articles are archived on our blog site:

<http://albuquerqueyardandgarden.com/>

You can find our monthly 'To Do' Lists, specific articles about landscaping and yard maintenance. There is a search button where you can look for articles about trimming, planting, watering, treating for pests and weed control.

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When he called to schedule the work he also wondered about the little plugs that the aerator would leave all over the yard, but he was told that they are actually beneficial for the lawn. When they break down they return important nutrients to the soil. So Mike thought, "Perhaps people will think I adopted a pack of dogs!" He chuckled at the thought, but he knew that he was doing what was best for his yard and his family will reap the rewards when they go out and play in the grass, have friends over for barbecues and let their puppy chase the kids all over the lush grass.



Mike and his kids really enjoyed their visit to the BioPark and he was excited to start planning the types of flowers he wanted to grow. He would be back next month to see what was blooming and learn more about bugs in the Bugarium when he returns. It seems many others were thinking the same thing because there were many visitors on the day he and his family visited.

Are you in need of some spring services? Mike says call QLC at 836-4000.



Did you know...

Walt Disney World is home to seven million trees, shrubs, and flowers?

Nearly 12 percent of the property, which is equivalent to nearly 3,000 football fields, is devoted to gardens and maintained landscapes?

Three million bedding plants and annuals are planted each year at the parks?

Nearly 13,000 roses of 100 varieties are located throughout the property. To remove the spent flowers in Epcot takes more than 400 hours per year?

Topiaries number more than 200 and gardeners mow the equivalent of 18 trips around the Earth at the equator each year?

Over 600 horticulture professionals join 10.5 million beneficial insects to control pests and keep the gardens looking beautiful and well taken care of?

The people responsible for Disney's landscape design are called Imagineers?

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Have you noticed there's been a little more "green" at your gas station when it's time to fill up? That's because we've been helping ALON 7-Eleven stations and GreenPrint with a huge initiative, called Strive – Reduced Emissions Fuel.

You'll find that at every ALON 7-Eleven station in and around Albuquerque has a beautiful Arborvitae that we've planted that says "Pump Here. Plant Trees." This cool, new reduced emissions fuel program means that each time you pump gas at ALON 7-Eleven, they're calculating your carbon emissions and planting trees with Tree New Mexico and Keep Albuquerque Beautiful, and investing in certified carbon reduction projects to neutralize your vehicle's emissions.

"Rob and Quality Lawn Care have been THE greatest landscapers, supporters, and suppliers to us. We can always count on them to do what they say they're going to do, and quicker than expected too! We are thrilled to continue our long-lasting partnership with he and his team as this program continues to grow," said Pete Davis, CEO of GreenPrint.

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A letter from Owners: Robert and Vivian

Welcome to Spring!



When was the last time you visited Disney World? I admit it's been too many years for me. After researching the fun facts in this newsletter, I'd really like to go back and see all of these plants for myself. What attraction have you visited that really captured the beauty of trees, plants and flowers? Our own Biopark is becoming quite the sensation among botanical gardens in this country. I visited the park last week and the Mediterranean garden is full of color with the current exhibit. I recommend you take some time to visit. In the meantime enjoy this month's story and as always thank you so much for your continued support!