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Thought for the Month...

Take time to deliberate, but when the time for action arrives, stop thinking and go in.

~Andrew Jackson



"Go outside and play, but stay out of the sandbox. You know what that does to your cell phone."

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Monthly Newsletter From Your Friends at Prestige One Landscaping

Preparing Your Spring Landscape

While winter isn't quite over yet, Spring is just around the corner and now is the time to start planning your new landscape for 2008.

Clean Up

If you didn't do this in the fall, you should definitely be doing it now. Although February can still be brutally cold in some areas, you need to be cleaning out any old debris and pruning away dead branches that didn't make it through the winter.

Turn your compost pile, repair or replace lawn furniture and start surveying your layout to determine what will go where. If window boxes need repainting, February is a great time to do that as well. And don't forget those lawn care tools - dust off your lawn mower, weed eater and other tools and get any needed maintenance done now.

Now is also the time to prune any deciduous trees or shrubs, such as elms and maples. What is "deciduous"? It's a tree or shrub that sheds its leaves in the fall. Evergreens for example, keep their leaves all year round.

Layout the Basics

Will you build a deck or pergola this year? Planning to install a new gazebo or outdoor seating area? Take advantage of your down time to get those things in place. Once spring arrives, you'll likely be busy with planting - too busy to give your other outdoor projects your full attention. That's what these winter months are for so use them wisely.

In addition to new structures, you can also start laying down any brick or stone pathways you might have planned as well as stepping stones, fencing, rock gardens and other hardscape elements.

Order Up

Get your orders in for any seeds and bulbs that you'll need this season. Many companies offer discounts, especially on large orders so once you've decided what you want to plant, go ahead and place your order. You'll also find that the selection is much better now compared to what you'll find in the coming months.

Fertilize

Around mid-month, you can start fertilizing your trees and shrubs. If the soil is dry enough and workable, use this time to turn under any cover crops and start tilling up your soil. Add fertilizer, compost or manure to enrich your soil and get it ready for planting.

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I'd Love To Hear From You!!

Whether you'd like to discuss your property or additional services or just want us to stop by and say "Hi," we'd love to hear from you...

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Save On Your Tax Refund



When the average income tax refund for 2007 is calculated, it will be about \$2,500.

Whether you file online or on paper, you now have the opportunity to split your refund so it will automatically be sent to three different places, like an investment or checking account.

When a big deposit shows up in a checking account balance, most of it will probably be spent, often not wisely.

You can designate an amount to be sent to a savings account, an IRA, education savings, or a health savings account. To deposit to more than one account, fill out Form 8888, available at www.irs.gov.

A Bit of Laughter...

A man woke up from anesthesia after surgery, and saw his wife sitting by his side. His eyes fluttered open and he said, "You're beautiful!" Then he fell asleep again. His wife had never heard him say that so she stayed by his side. A couple minutes later his eyes fluttered open and he said "You're cute!" She said "What happened to 'beautiful'?" He replied, "The drugs are wearing off!"

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Learn and Revise

Did you spend way too much time caring for your landscape last season? Were there plants that just never really did well in your garden? Now is the time to review and learn from past experiences. If your mowing occupied your weekends last summer, then perhaps a new design is in order. Hardscape elements can reduce your mowing time and add a wonderful visual accent to your garden. Hard-to-grow plants from last season should be replaced with something new, preferably a more hardy variety that won't require such tedious upkeep.

Plant

You can plant many fruit trees in February as well as some veggies such as broccoli, asparagus and cabbage. Now is also a good time to start planting tomatoes indoors, you can move them outside in April but be prepared to protect them against frost. Many nurseries now carry a new product called "Water Walls" that insulate tomato and pepper plants against freezing temperatures.

Want to talk about your landscaping issues? Give us a call – we'd love to help you find the perfect landscaping theme for your property.

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Do You Want To Win an 8" Koi Fish?



Take my trivia challenge and you could win!

This is one of my favorite sections. Each month I'll give you a new trivia question. The first four people to call my office with the correct answer will win a Koi fish (\$80.00 Value). Take your best guess, then call me at 816-564-6940.

Here's this month's trivia challenge:

Q. What book and movie character said "Hearts will never be practical until they can be made unbreakable"?

A) Peter Pan B) The Wizard of Oz C) Forrest Gump D) Ebenezer Scrooge

Call me right now with your answer! 816-564-6940

Note: Limit one gift per winner per year

The answer to last month's trivia question was;
Kelsey Grammer provided the voice of Stinky Pete in Toy Story 2.

Thanks For The Kind Words

"We are very pleased with Prestige One's commitment to sharing our vision. The knowledgeable crew and their creative ideas exceeded our expectations. "

- Kim Pace

Avoid Colds By Getting Rid of Household Germs



The word is out about hand washing. If you do it right and often, you can get rid of bacteria that could make you sick. But attacking germs where you pick them up makes it less likely you'll get them on your hands in the first place.

In the kitchen: Sink handles, sinks, and counters are the biggest offenders. Clean sinks, sink drains, and counters with antibacterial soap at least once a day. Wash your sponge in the dishwasher to kill germs.

Fresh vegetables and fruits: They may carry salmonella, campylobacter, or E. coli, say microbiologists at New York University. Rinse them thoroughly.

In the laundry: Add bleach to a load of white clothes that includes underwear. It kills virtually all of the germs on underwear so they don't spread. Move the load immediately to the dryer and dry at a high temperature.

In the bathroom: Use a disinfecting cleaner on the bathtub weekly. If someone with a skin infection uses the tub, wash it with bleach right away so you don't pick up the germs.

Shared devices: Use antibacterial cleaner frequently on telephones, TV remotes, door handles, and shared keyboards, especially if someone in the household has an illness.

Caring For Crystal

After a big fancy dinner, it can be tempting to put your best glasses, crystal or other glass, into the dishwasher.

Don't do it. Nice glasses of any kind should be washed by hand in warm, soapy water and then dried with a soft, lint-free cloth that has been washed and dried without fabric softener.

Don't use the dishwasher even if it has a crystal setting, advises Martha Stewart. The high heat and harsh detergent can etch and cloud the glass after a number of washings.

Congratulations To Our Client Of The Month!

Every month, we choose a very special *Client of the Month*. It's our way of acknowledging good friends and saying "thanks" to those who support Prestige One with referrals, word of mouth and repeat business. Watch for your name here in an upcoming month - you might be the next *Client of the Month*!

This month's Client of the Month is

Clayton Brown

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Thanks to YOU our business is growing! There's no better compliment we can receive than a positive referral from a valued client. We are truly grateful for the trust and confidence that so many of you have expressed.

If you know a friend, neighbor, or family member who may be considering the services we offer - it would be the highest compliment to refer them to us. We'll make sure they get extra special attention and care. Or, if there're any additional services that we may provide for you, please let us know. Instead of growing our business from the outside, we prefer to pay closer attention to our existing clients and their referrals.

Bypass Automated Operators

If you are anxious to talk to a human being instead of working your way through a call center, visit gethuman.com/us/. It gives shortcuts for bypassing automated operators. The Web site offers specific phone numbers and instructions on how to reach a person. It's updated weekly, but numbers can change without notice.

Landscaping Question Corner...

Q. I've heard that you should plant roses in February. Is this true?

A. February is a great time to plant some new roses in your garden. The trick is to protect them from any last minute freezes from Old Man Winter.

If the bush is small enough, you can cover with burlap, a box or a new product called "Water Walls". This is a plastic cylinder that's made up of columns of water. The cylinder surrounds the plant and protects it from freezing temperatures.

Planting now will reduce the amount of watering needed because of the colder temperatures and the warmer soil tends to serve as a kick-start to encourage growth.

You can also use this time to prune any existing rose bushes and to prevent any insects or disease from setting into the pruned areas, you can use Elmer's Glue as a sealant, courtesy of the Rose Society.

Be sure to add fertilizer and use dormant sprays for a healthy, blooming bush.

Do You Have A Question You Want Answered?

I love hearing from all my good friends and clients who enjoy reading my monthly letter. And I'm always looking to answer pressing questions you might have about anything relating to landscaping. If you have a question, please give us a call. Perhaps I'll feature you in a future issue!



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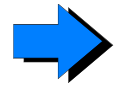
Famous Birthdays in February

Does your birthday fall in February? Did you know you share it with some pretty famous people? Here's a few names you might know with February birthdays:

- ◆ Farrah Fawcett, 1947
- ◆ Morgan Fairchild, 1950
- ◆ Clink Black, 1962
- ◆ Ashton Kutcher, 1978
- ◆ John Grisham, 1955
- ◆ Carole King, 1942
- ◆ Sheryl Crow, 1962
- ◆ Ice T, 1959
- ◆ Paris Hilton, 1981
- ◆ John Travolta, 1955
- ◆ Hubert de Givenchy, 1927
- ◆ Natalie Cole, 1950
- ◆ Bernadette Peters, 1944

Happy Birthday!

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